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Planning

Provision of Aerial Surveillance for HMCG

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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Scope

Description

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Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 January 2027 to 31 December 2032
- 5 years, 11 months, 25 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79714000 - Surveillance services
- 60443100 - Air-sea rescue services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 September 2025

Engagement process description

Aerial Surveillance industry event

30 September 2025

1330 – 1500

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Respondents should bear in mind that the MCA will take a solution agnostic approach to the procurement and is open to different technological approaches, providing they can demonstrably meet the requirement to provide persistent maritime situational awareness in areas of need.

The MCA will be hosting an online industry event and will cover a variety of topics including

- Background
- Current provision
- Technical requirements
- Procurement approach

Questions can be submitted in advance via the Jaggaer portal and the MCA will aim to answer them during the event. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the event, these can be asked anonymously.

The MCA is providing current proposed procurement information and reserves the right to amend and update information at any time. MCA has no liability for the completeness of information. This is an introductory session and the MCA holds no liability, commitment or agreement to anything discussed.

If you wish to join this event and have not previously engaged in consultation activity for the provision of Aerial Surveillance you are required create an account on Jaggaer if you do not already have one.

The portal can be accessed using the following link

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/>

Once you have accessed the e-procurement portal, please navigate to pqq_648 - Provision of Aerial Surveillance for HMCG to register an interest. Once registered you will be sent information for the event.

If you have previously answered the Market Questionnaire, information will be sent via the Jaggaer portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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