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Planning

Project TELUM - provision of aerobatic capable, light powered training aircraft, Qualified Flying Instructors, and associated support services to enable ground and flying training capability, Air Experience Flying, Flying Grading and Streaming.

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Ground and flying training capability is required for University Air Squadrons, Air Experience Flying for MOD sponsored cadets, Flying Grading for the Army and Flying Grading and Streaming for the Royal Navy.

Capability is required to inspire and attract young people to a career in the RAF to include ground training, powered air experience and flying training, whilst simultaneously providing a means to enable non-established, critical Defence tasks and Pan-Defence

flying grading and streaming activity, using a suitably capable light flying training aircraft supported by robust core services. Support services include aircraft engineering and other supporting services at permanent sites accross the UK.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2030 to 31 March 2040
- Possible extension to 31 March 2045
- 15 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80412000 - Flying-school services
- 34741500 - Ground flying trainer
- 35610000 - Military aircrafts
- 71300000 - Engineering services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

14 October 2025

Engagement process description

We are pleased to be announcing virtual supplier 1-2-1 Pre-Market Engagement days for Project TELUM on 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th October 2025 held on Microsoft Teams. The sessions will focus on a variety of topics to inform the potential solution and requirements. The sessions will last for approximately 90 minutes and comprise:

- MoD / supplier introductions
- Rationale and purpose of engagement
- Advise the Aerospace/Defence Industry that MoD is reviewing the options for the new project TELUM procurement.
- Exploration of current and future capabilities
- Supplier presentation
- Q&A session

In order to register interest and have the opportunity to attend, you will be required to register your details via email to air-commercialgroupmailbox@mod.gov.uk by 17:00 on 06 October 2025 and include the following as part of your response:

- Full Name
- Company Name
- Names, role names and Email addresses of up to four attendees
- An indication of your top 3 dates and times for the 1-2-1 Pre-market engagement sessions in order of preference from the detail in the RFI published on the Defence Sourcing Portal here <https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=60277>

We encourage and support SME engagement so please identify yourself as an SME when submitting your request. SMEs that can demonstrate participations as part of a consortium or a key subcontractor in a Contract will be invited to the event.

An agenda and timings for the event are included in the RFI document. Registration for the event will close on 06 October 2025 at 1700.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2026

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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