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## **Inter-Agency Space Debris Co-ordination Committee (IADC) 2025-26 Studies - Sub-Lot 4.2: Assessment of Technologies Driving Post-Mission Disposal Reliability**

UK Space Agency

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

UKSAC25\_0044

### **Description**

This is a switch to direct award under Section 43 of the Procurement Act, on the basis no suitable tender submissions were received for Sub-Lot 4.2 of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Co-ordination Committee (IADC) 2025-26 tender. One bid was received which did not satisfy the Contracting Authority's requirements or the award criteria when assessed by reference to the assessment methodology and the relative importance of the criteria indicated under section 23(3).

There was a minor commercial deficiency in the bid which could not be addressed during the tender process, which has been addressed subsequently to facilitate this direct award.

The appointed supplier will investigate the technologies that underpin reliable post-

mission disposal operations, considering those that achieve compliance to one or more of the post-mission disposal guidelines within the IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines. Develop and populate a catalogue to capture key information on each technology and critically evaluate the most promising solutions across cases for single-spacecraft missions and large constellations.

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## **Contract 1. UKSAC25\_0044: Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee 2025-26 studies - sub-lot 4.2 - assessment of technologies driving post-mission disposal reliability**

### **Supplier**

- 3S NORTHUMBRIA LTD

### **Contract value**

- £20,833 excluding VAT
- £25,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

29 September 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 30 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 1 day

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - without competition

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## Supplier

### 3S NORTHUMBRIA LTD

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Region: UKC21 - Northumberland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

## **UK Space Agency**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRTY-4245-MTJY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government