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Provision of external support to UKSA for the development of capabilities relating to national security

UK Space Agency

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Scope

Reference

UKSAC25 0077

Description

UKSA intends to procure a supplier to act as an external delivery partner to provide highly specialist knowledge, skills and expertise (KSE) in relation to capabilities relevant to national security, specifically Space Domain Awareness (SDA), In-Orbit Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing (ISAM) and Space Control and Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT). This is a call-off contract for the provision of knowledge, skills and experience relating to individual work packages within SDA, ISAM and PNT that cannot be fulfilled by any other provider on grounds of technical expertise (Schedule 5, Paragraph 6). UKSA will only award call-off contracts through this mechanism following internal technical review to confirm the proposed work package is in scope of this requirement and meets the requirements set out in Schedule 5.

The call-off contract includes a number of work packages relating to national security policy development, feasibility studies and policy insights, including at classifications

above OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE.

In accordance with Section 94 subsection 1(a) of the Procurement Act, no further notices or information (including the name of the supplier) will be published as withholding this information is necessary for the purpose of safeguarding national security. The work being undertaken directly supports the development of national security capabilities in the space domain, where disclosure of the supplier and further details of the requirement could expose vulnerabilities.

Contract 1. Provision of External Support to UKSA and MoD Space Command for the development of capabilities relating to national security

Supplier

• Withheld *Section 94(1)a* Supplier

Contract value

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 6 months, 8 days

Description of possible extension:

This contract includes provision for an extension to 31st March 2027, to be exercised at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Further extensions up to 31st March 2030 may be required in the event a known risk materialises and operational requirements change, resulting in a need for continued access to this expertise.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

• UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

This contract includes an assumption that operational requirements will be fulfilled by 31st March 2027. Should a risk materialise that prevents operational requirements from being fulfilled, the contract may require further extension.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Schedule 5, Paragraph 6

The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract-

(a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b)there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Supplier

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