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Met Office Academic Partnership (MOAP) Science Delivery Framework 2

Met Office

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Scope

Reference

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Description

A services framework. The Met Office Academic Partnership (MOAP) is an established strategic partnership bringing together leading UK universities and the Met Office creating a network of research excellence, working together to advance weather and climate science, technology and skill.

The MOAP Science Delivery Framework (SDF) is the commercial mechanism for the Met Office to secure the external scientific expertise and resource needed to help deliver research and innovation priorities.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Please see tender documents for further information on lot structure and how call-off contracts will be awarded.

Lot 1. Joint Chair Services

Description

Lot 1 covers the Joint Chair Services that the academic partner will be supplying to the Met Office. Each University who successfully is awarded a place on the Framework will be expected to provide Joint Chair Services. Each academic partner will receive £50,000 per annum for Joint Chair Services.

The academic partner should select a suitable individual or individuals via an appropriate process to provide the Joint Chair Services ready for the 1 April 2026 start date. The Joint Chair Services can be provided by up to two individuals sharing the Joint Chair role in addition to any necessary supporting staff.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,600,000 excluding VAT
- £1,920,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Co-Sponsorship Agreements

Description

Lot 2 covers co-sponsorship agreements which enable the Met Office to co-sponsor a researcher at a MOAP university that provides support to key scientific priorities. Lot 2 will be available to each University who successfully is awarded a place on the Framework, these agreements are not guaranteed and how these are issued is a decision on best fit and business need and these call-offs will be on an as and when basis during the framework duration.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Observations

Description

This lot focuses on the ability to capture measurements of the physical, chemical and/or biological environment and to extract benefit from observations within weather and climate national capability, products and services.

The Met Office is charting an ambitious path to enhance its observational capability to meet the growing demands and opportunities of the 2030s and beyond. We want to drive stronger exploitation of observations across nowcasting, numerical weather prediction, marine forecasting, climate and operational meteorology applications; deliver new observations that fill priority capability gaps and meet the evolving needs of future prediction systems; and develop and enhance the resilience of our own observing networks.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Prediction and Projection

Description

The ability to simulate or emulate the physical, chemical and/or biological environment within a given domain and specific context.

Prediction and Projection is a core component of the National Capability that allows the Met Office and its partners to produce modelled states of the current and future environment and Earth system. This includes but is not limited to the systems and models that deliver environmental prediction data on timescales of hours to years ahead and produce projection datasets of past, present, counterfactual and future climate states for time horizons of years to centuries. It also includes the research and development required to enhance these predictions and projections and the models that they rely on. The Met Office is internationally renowned for this capability and seeks partnership to

complement its expertise in the skills needed to deliver and develop it further.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Post-Processing and Analysis (PP&A)

Description

Post-Processing and Analysis (PP&A) uses science and technology to pull through innovation to user impact. PP&A encompasses all ways to transform environmental data by modifying scientific characteristics, making it more useful and usable for a range of general-purpose and specific use-cases.

PP&A adds value and accuracy to forecasts and make them useable for a wide range of applications in the UK and worldwide.

Taking inputs from National Capability Observations and Prediction & Projection, this lot is truly multidisciplinary, leveraging both physical and social sciences alongside computing, mathematics and applied technology to transform data and satisfy different use cases. It focuses on techniques and approaches to improve data usefulness and accuracy for weather, seasonal and climate products and services. This lot provides a route to impact for new science, ensuring prediction data ends up helping users both inside and outside the Met Office.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 6. Data Supply

Description

Data supply provides the ability to store, manage, and supply observation, prediction and projection, and post-processed data. It ensures that data is discoverable, accessible, and useful to consumers of the data. We make data available through third-party national and global data platforms. The Data Supply Capability facilitates data being shared between the other three capabilities in the National Capability Domain and with Products and Services to the outside world.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 7. Research and Development Services for Products and Services

Description

This lot focuses on research to support delivering impact and benefit to our customers and users through valuable digital and expert-delivered products and services. The Met Office delivers a wide portfolio of services to a broad range of customers. Our operational meteorologists conduct a range of tasks requiring them to apply their expertise through the detailed analysis of observations and forecast products. Our forecast products draw on large volumes of data to enable our operational meteorologists to support their customers.

We envisage that academic partners could usefully contribute to research for the Products and Services Capability by enhancing and accelerating work already underway within the Met Office and bringing new skillsets and concepts in order to develop new capabilities.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 8. Cross MOAP Competition

Description

The cross MOAP competition Lot has been added to provide a route for requirements that don't fit into one Lot or requires a collaborative approach with a consortium of MOAP Universities to deliver the requirements. Work will also be competed across all MOAP Universities on this Lot if there is a nil return on a Lot specific competition.

Lot value (estimated)

- £24,000,000 excluding VAT
- £28,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

8

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Please see tender documents for further information on how the framework will operate.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Joint Chair Services

Lot 2. Co-Sponsorship Agreements

Lot 3. Observations

Lot 4. Prediction and Projection

Lot 5. Post-Processing and Analysis (PP&A)

Lot 6. Data Supply

Lot 7. Research and Development Services for Products and Services

Lot 8. Cross MOAP Competition

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 October 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender submissions will be via our e-tendering portal.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/ProjectManagement/ProjectDashboard?projectId=025d838f-7b26-f011-8136-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 16 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Criteria		Quality	70%
Commercial Criteria	Please see tender documents for more information on the commercial criteria.	Price	20%
Social Value Criteria		Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Met Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZW-3234-DTLY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government