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Tender

Diving Life Support (DLS) In-Service Support (ISS)

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Defence Equipment and Support (DES) Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) Delivery Team (DT) have a requirement for the provision of In-Service Support (ISS) to the Diving Life Support (DLS) portfolio of equipment.

The DLS portfolio provides a diving capability to the UK Military, led by the Royal Navy, to support a full range of technical and support activities to enable the delivery of underwater Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), underwater engineering, underwater search and engineering tasks in support of UK Defence Tasks.

The DLS ISS requirement is divided into the following four Lots:

Lot 1 - Diver's Dress and Dive Ancillaries

Estimated value: £10M ex VAT

Includes: Diver's dress, e.g. dive suits, boots, gloves, etc and Dive Ancillaries

Lot 2 - Diving Support Equipment

Estimated value: £14M ex VAT

Includes:

Diver Through Water Communication (DTWC)

Gas Boosters Pumps

Portable Breathing Air Compressor (PBAC)

Portable Oxygen Monitoring Apparatus (POMA)

Type B Recompression Chamber (RCC)

Lot 3 - Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Estimated value: £21M ex VAT

Includes:

Enclosed Mine Lift Bags (EMLB)

Swimmers Oxygen Breathing Apparatus (SOBA), including Excursion variant

Surface Supplied Diving Equipment (SSDE)

Parachute Lift Bags (PLB)

Underwater Hydraulic Tools

Lot 4 - Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE) and Clearance Diver Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

Estimated value: £17.5M ex VAT

Includes:

Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE), including Swimmers Air Breathing Apparatus (SABA) and Rechargeable Air Breathing Apparatus (RABA)

Clearance Divers Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

The Lots require ISS to extant equipment, as well as the ability to procure more/new equipment at the direction of the Authority.

The DLS ISS contracts will be for five (5) years, with two (2) additional one (1) year options to extend. If all the options to extend are exercised by the Authority, each contract's duration will be a total of seven (7) years.

Total value (estimated)

- £62,500,000 excluding VAT
- £75,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 August 2026 to 16 August 2031
- Possible extension to 16 August 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Five year initial term, with options to extend for a further one or two years in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Main procurement category

Services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Dive Dress and Dive Ancillaries

Description

Lot 1 - Diver's Dress and Dive Ancillaries

Includes:

Diver's dress, e.g. dive suits, boots, gloves, etc and Dive Ancillaries

Lot value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories

- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing
- 37412242 - Diving wear
- 37412260 - Wetsuits
- 37412270 - Dry suits
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Diving Support Equipment

Description

Lot 2 - Diving Support Equipment

Includes:

Diver Through Water Communication (DTWC)

Gas Boosters Pumps

Portable Breathing Air Compressor (PBAC)

Portable Oxygen Monitoring Apparatus (POMA)

Type B Recompression Chamber (RCC)

Lot value (estimated)

- £14,000,000 excluding VAT

- £17,000,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 33157500 - Hyperbaric chambers
- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories
- 37412241 - Breathing apparatus for diving
- 42123400 - Air compressors

Same for all lots

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

Lot 3. Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Description

Lot 3 - Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Includes:

Enclosed Mine Lift Bags (EMLB)

Swimmers Oxygen Breathing Apparatus (SOBA), including Excursion variant

Surface Supplied Diving Equipment (SSDE)

Parachute Lift Bags (PLB)

Underwater Hydraulic Tools

Lot value (estimated)

- £21,000,000 excluding VAT
- £25,000,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories
- 37412241 - Breathing apparatus for diving
- 43328100 - Hydraulic equipment
- 44611110 - Compressed-air cylinders

Same for all lots

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

Lot 4. Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE) and Clearance Diver Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

Description

Lot 4 - Mixed Gas (Clearance Divers Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)) and Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE)

Includes:

Clearance Divers Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE), including Swimmers Air Breathing Apparatus (SABA) and Rechargeable Air Breathing Apparatus (RABA)

Lot value (estimated)

- £17,500,000 excluding VAT
- £21,000,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories
- 37412241 - Breathing apparatus for diving
- 44611110 - Compressed-air cylinders

Same for all lots

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

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Dive Dress and Dive Ancillaries

Lot 2. Diving Support Equipment

Lot 3. Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Lot 4. Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE) and Clearance Diver Life Support

Equipment (CDLSE)

As detailed in the Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Dive Dress and Dive Ancillaries

As detailed in the Procurement Specific Questionnaire, where suppliers will be required to demonstrate that they or their nominated supply chain have the technical ability to meet the requirements of the specified Lot.

Lot 2. Diving Support Equipment

Lot 3. Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Lot 4. Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE) and Clearance Diver Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

As detailed in the Procurement Specific Questionnaire, where suppliers will be required to demonstrate that they or their nominated supply chain have the technical ability to meet the requirements of the specified Lot.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Dive Dress and Dive Ancillaries

Lot 2. Diving Support Equipment

Lot 3. Dive Sets and Dived Equipment

Lot 4. Self-Contained Air Diving Equipment (SCADE) and Clearance Diver Life Support Equipment (CDLSE)

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 November 2025, 1:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

14 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=59608>

Responses to the Procurement Specific Questionnaire, the 'all Lots' ITT and the Lot-specific ITTs you wish to tender for must be completed and submitted in the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) by 23:59 14th November 2025. Any Clarification Questions should also be submitted through the DSP.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 August 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 August 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Value for Money	Refer to the tender documentation for specific award criteria for this Lot.	Quality

Weighting description

Value for Money

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

A tenderers' conference is to be held online via MS teams on 29/30th September 2025. Tenderers requiring an invite to this should send an email to DESShipsComrcl-SALMO-Multiuser@mod.gov.uk, for the attention of Marion Stone, no later than 13:00 25th September 2025. Further details of the conference can be found within the DEFFORM 47.

Tenderers are to submit their Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) response and tenders via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

Tenderers are required to submit a response to the PSQ by 23:59 14th November 2025; this covers all Lots.

Tenderers are also required to submit tenders in response to the Lots they are interested in tendering for by the same date, 23:59 14th November 2025.

Tenderers should submit one response to the 'All Lots' ITT, and then submit responses to one or more of the Lot-specific ITTs. To note - each tenderer is permitted to submit a tender for a maximum of three out of the four Lots.

PSQ - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/5075130201996D0E0F0F>

All Lots ITT - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/161145270199709EE502>

Lot 1 ITT - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/554509340199709F9CE4>

Lot 2 ITT - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/884851360199709FEB29>

Lot 3 ITT - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/57767694019970A03197>

Lot 4 ITT - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/58904938019970A08E7B>

Compliant tenderers from the PSQ submission will then have their tenders evaluated. Each Lot will be evaluated separately. Full details of the evaluation process for each Lot can be found within the tender documentation - specifically DEFFORM 47 and its associated annexes and appendices.

The Contracting Authority reserves its right to rely on section 24 of the Procurement Act 2023 to refine award criteria as part of the competitive flexible procedure. Refinements to the award criteria may include but are not limited to: refining award criteria weightings; and/or adding sub-criteria or more detail to the sub-criteria (relevant to the existing main criteria).

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to directly award a contract for similar goods or services without further competition pursuant to Schedule 5 paragraph 8, including to other parts of the Ministry of Defence.

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Books of Reference for each Master Equipment will be uploaded to the attachment area relevant to each Lot within the Defence Sourcing Portal.

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Bristol

BS34 8JH

United Kingdom

Contact name: Marion Stone

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Website: <http://www.contracts.mod.uk>

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government