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Tender

715173450 - Purification Equipment

Submarine Delivery Agency

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Scope

Reference

715173450

Description

The Purification Equipment (PE) Contract shall deliver the supply and support of essential equipment needed to control the breathable atmosphere on board Submarines, including Authority training establishments. This is inclusive of the Vanguard and Astute class submarines, and any new classes of submarine that may be introduced during the lifetime of the Purification Equipment project.

The services to be delivered throughout the Contract shall include Service Management in order to meet and deliver the contractual requirements, Obsolescence Management in order to proactively manage obsolescence for all in-scope equipment, support to maintain a spares inclusive upkeep service including equipment procurement and delivery, and equipment upkeep management including strip, survey and repair of equipment, maintenance activity of equipment, technical support, Operational Defect (OpDef) and defect support, training services, and equipment installation.

The Contract shall also include a tasking provision which shall include but not be limited to the following:

- i. Obsolescence resolution,
- ii. Codification,
- iii. Disposals
- iv. Post Design Services (PDS) activities to include technical upgrades and investigations where required
- v. Training over and above extant requirements
- vi. Fleet Time investigations,
- vii. Defects and repairs
- viii. Technical assistance
- ix. Technical investigations
- x. CONDO support
- xi. Trials support
- xii. Equipment root cause analysis
- xiii. Safety and environmental management system
- xiv. Operational safety assurance inspections
- xv. Boat visits and reports
- xvi. Modifications
- xvii. Additions and alterations

The PE contract shall cover a number of master equipment types and its ancillary components. These Master Equipment types are detailed within the Tender documentation.

This tender notice is for the award of a public contract through a competitive flexible procedure in accordance with section 20(1) and (2)(b) of the Procurement Act 2023. It is

considered a Defence and Security Contract due to its scope and therefore the relevant provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 relating to defence and security contracts are applicable.

The Purification Equipment contract will be initially for five (5) years however the contract shall include two irrevocable one year options to extend the Contract by a further two years taking total contract duration if options invoked to be seven (7) years.

Total value (estimated)

- £41,666,666 excluding VAT
- £50,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2031
- Possible extension to 30 June 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend the Contract for up to two (2) years in any combination of durations

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 35512000 - Submarines
- 35512100 - Strategic submarine nuclear fuelled
- 35512200 - Attack submarine nuclear fuelled
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Details can be found within the Conditions of Participation (COP) and Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ). Please log into the DSP and access via this link:

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/711829030199E89BB4E9>

Technical ability conditions of participation

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Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

21 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submissions should be made via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP). In order to access the COP and PSQ, please log into the DSP and access via this link: Please log into the DSP and access via this link: <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/711829030199E89BB4E9>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 June 2031

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Price	Weightings will be set out in the associated tender documents	Price
Technical	Weightings will be set out in the associated tender documents	Quality
Commercial	Weightings will be set out in the associated tender documents	Quality

Weighting description

Weightings will be set out in the associated tender documents

Other information**Payment terms**

All payments will be made through the Authority's Contracting, Purchasing & Finance (CP&F) system (Exostar) and will be in accordance with future contractual arrangements.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

The Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) (including Conditions of Participation) is available within the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) and will be used to down-select between suppliers to be invited to Tender. This will also include the assessment of whether a supplier, its connected persons, associated persons or any intended subcontractors are excluded or excludable persons and whether the suppliers are UK suppliers under the Procurement Act. A clarification process will be used during the PSQ period to allow suppliers to seek clarification from the Authority.

Within the PSQ there are Pass/Fail questions and suppliers are required to pass all of the questions to be eligible to be invited to Tender.

An Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be issued to those successful at PSQ. A clarification process will be used during the tendering period to allow suppliers to seek clarification from the Authority. A summary of the award criteria is in this notice and will be explained in the Tender Evaluation Strategy, which will be published in the DSP, with the ITT. The Authority reserves the right to refine the award criteria before and - where negotiation/final

tenders are used - during the Tender period in accordance with section 24 of the Procurement Act 2023. This may include revision to the weightings of the sub-criteria.

The following supplementary processes may be used, with further details set out in the additional tender documents;

- Clarifications - during the tender evaluation period
- Negotiations - following evaluation of the Tender
- Supplier presentations / site visits - during the Tender, and Tender Evaluation period
- Final Tenders - following negotiations, if used
- Preferred Supplier Stage - to confirm solutions and/or finalise the draft contract.

The Authority reserves the right to amend the procurement, where such amendment would not be substantial, as follows, including and not limited to;

- amendments to the tender documents which may provide clarification
- refining the specification as the competitive flexible procedure progresses
- reducing timescales.

If any amendments are made, the Authority will consider whether any applicable tender deadlines should be revised, and whether any tender documents or notices need to be re-issued.

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

All Tender Documentation shall be provided via the Defence Sourcing Portal.

In order to access the Conditions of Participation (COP) and Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ), please log into the Defence Sourcing Portal, and access COP and

PSQ via this link: <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/711829030199E89BB4E9>

Contracting authority

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

Organisation type: Public authority - central government