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Planning

Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Remotely Piloted Air Systems) Commercial Framework

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) are a vital capability for Defence, requiring defence to rapidly assess, develop and use new capabilities. The aim of this PMEN is to understand the current capability of industry to be part of a commercial framework of competent and approved civilian organisations to support MOD UAS Test and Evaluation (T&E) in a more efficient way. UK MOD is seeking companies to submit proposals for the following:

- The capability to conduct UAS T&E in accordance with Regulatory Article (RA) 1031: Contractor flying approved organization scheme (basic remotely piloted air systems) (CFAOS (BR)).
- The ability to gain MAA CFAOS (BR) approval within 6 months of a T&E commercial framework being established.
- Equivalence of civilian T&E qualifications to MAA qualifications required for CFAOS (BR) approval.
- To conduct relatively short notice UAS T&E on Open - S1 platforms or system of

systems.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71631000 - Technical inspection services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

- 34711200 - Non-piloted aircraft
- 71356000 - Technical services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

14 November 2025

Engagement process description

This notice is for the Defence Uncrewed Systems Design Authority (DUxDA) to understand the current state of the market of civilian UAS T&E organisations that may operate military UAS under MAA CFAOS (BR) Regulations to undertake T&E activity. The description is deliberately high level so as not to unduly limit the scope of discussions with the market. The Authority wishes to understand the current civilian T&E UAS organisations, T&E SQEP/qualifications and supporting T&E facilities.

The DUxDA intends to hold a industry day with interested suppliers between 19/11/2025 - 26/11/2025.

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This notice is solely for the purpose of engaging the market to gather information. It does not constitute a call for competition or form part of any formal procurement process. Participation in this engagement will not confer any advantage or disadvantage in any future procurement, nor will it bind the Authority to proceed with any specific course or action.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government