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Tender

4D Animate Platform/Power Technologies (4DAPT)

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Updated version of EOI document uploaded, removing the Author's details.

Scope

Description

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) and Agence de l'innovation de défense (AID) are jointly launching a call for expressions of interest (EOI) aimed at

identifying French Universities and Public Laboratories and British Universities who can address scientific questions raised in the field of 4D printing. The aim is to accelerate the use of intelligent 3D printed materials through design, manufacturing and modelling to provide intelligent or animated components for self-adaptive platforms. Despite the potential benefits of 4D printing, many challenges remain before it can be widely applied.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,300,000 excluding VAT
- £1,560,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 March 2029

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

No business whatsoever is guaranteed under any resulting Framework Agreement or contract indeed there is no guarantee that any Framework Agreement or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc will be paid if a tender or resulting Framework Agreement is withdrawn for any reason. Bidders should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

24 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The ITT will be published on <https://contracts.mod.uk/> following receipt of EOI forms.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
TBC	Cost

Weighting description

Award criteria will be published in the invitation to tender.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The Authority will use the response to the criteria in the EOI documentation to create a shortlist of tenderers who:

- (1) are eligible to participate;
- (2) best meet the selection criteria set out in this notice and the EOI documentation.

An invitation to tender will then be published through the Defence Sourcing Portal, inviting eligible tenderers to participate that responded to the EOI.

Details of the negotiation and award criteria will be available in the tender documentation.

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

A notice has previously been published regarding this requirement - 2024/S 000-002086.

Documents

Associated tender documents

[20250924_EOI_FUURI_Project_English_Version.pdf](#)

Please send responses to this document to FUURI@dstl.gov.uk by 12pm on 24th October 2025.

Contracting authority

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