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Planning

UK2 - Preliminary Market Engagement - The Provision of Engineering Aerospace Commissioning Scheme (EPACS)

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

715090450

Description

1. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires Higher Education Institution (HEI) providers to collaborate with the Authority to validate a degree programme which complies with regulations set by the relevant government authorities (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in the UK, The Office for Students in England, the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales in Wales, and the Scottish Funding Council in Scotland). Course validation must be in place to allow qualifications to be awarded to students on completion of their courses.

The programme of study should be designed to make it suitable for accreditation by an appropriate professional institution. The Supplier and Authority will collaborate over the duration of the contract with the aim of achieving professional accreditation within the contract period. The intent is to enable completing students to apply for professional

registration as Incorporated Engineers with the Engineering Council.

The role of the DCTT is to train and educate Aeronautical Engineering (AE) to meet the Defence requirement.

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 November 2025

Engagement process description

Further instructions are included in the uploaded document - 20251024_715090450_EPACS_PREM.

For information purposes a draft Statement of Requirement (SoR) - 20250805-715090450_Draft_SoR_EPACS has also been uploaded.

The closing date and time for response to this RFI is 21 November 2025 at 09:00hrs.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 December 2025

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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