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Planning

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Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

The Royal Navy requires A fleet of 20 Uncrewed Surface Vessel or

USVs for SURFLOT, these platforms will be utilised for training, Tactic

Development, Warfare Development, Capability Development, and

operations in the UK Are of Responsibility and beyond. This project is to be a spiral development, with the initial platform requirement of USV's to be TRL 4/5, with open architecture for future development, this capability is key to maintaining operational relevance against peer threats. The Hybrid Navy transition will require development and testing of new technologies and whilst much of this work will be conducted by Navy Development, Disruptive capabilities, and technology officer, the SURFLOT Fleet of USVs will act as test beds to provide Learning from experience. Engineering support for OEM integration of spiral capabilities will be considered as part of the bid process. Works of this Project will have a focus on the South, South west regions. The expected Contract value is up to £10m including VAT, Funding for this project will be provided in part by UK Defence Innovation organisation (UKDI). Funding for this project is subject to internal approvals; the authority is proceeding with participation phase but will not issue a Tender until funding is approved for spend.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,333,333.33 excluding VAT
- £10,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 February 2026 to 8 February 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 73423000 - Development of military vehicles
- 35400000 - Military vehicles and associated parts

Engagement**Engagement deadline**

10 November 2025

Engagement process description

This Project will be placed using Commercial X's Dynamic market, using the competitive flexible procedure, suppliers must on board onboard to proceed with this project.

Please ensure that you onboard to the Commercial X Dynamic Market to participate.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 November 2025

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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