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Planning

Prison Operator Services Framework 2 - August 2025 Market Engagement Events

Ministry of Justice

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Authority is seeking to establish a multi-supplier Open Framework for Prison Operator Services (POSF2). Please note that the length of the Open Framework is yet to be determined as the Authority is still progressing through governance, however, it is anticipated it will be for a minimum of 8-years and will reopen at least twice throughout its maximum term.

The Authority has tendered the operation of prisons to the private sector since the early 1990s and has long advocated a mixed approach to prison operation that includes public, voluntary and private sector involvement. The first generation of the Prison Operator Services Framework (POSF1) was established in July 2019 and expired in July 2025.

An indicative timetable for the procurement is outlined below. Please note these dates

may be subject to change:

- Publication of Tender Notice and Procurement Documentation – 23/02/2026
- Deadline for Submission of PSQ and COP Responses – 13/03/2026
- Authority issue PSQ and COP Notification Letters – 02/04/2026
- Bidder Engagement and Dialogue – 20/04/2026 to 19/06/2026
- Publication of ISFT Documentation – 29/06/2026
- Deadline for Submission of Tender Responses – 24/07/2026
- Framework Award – 08/03/2027

This notice is for information only and the Authority reserves the right to not proceed to tender. Additionally, the Authority reserves the right to discontinue the tender process at any stage and not to award the Framework.

The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the requirements, the estimated value, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding, and the Authority reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue or any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Authority to commence any competitive tender process. Any contracts are subject to the relevant legal and Cabinet Office controls and policies.

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)

- £9,200,000,000 excluding VAT

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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 March 2027 to 7 March 2035
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231230 - Prison services
- 75231210 - Imprisonment services
- 75240000 - Public security, law and order services

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

7 March 2035

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 February 2026

Enquiry deadline

3 March 2026, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

13 March 2026, 12:00pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 March 2027

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNN-2773-HVYN

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government