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Tender

## **Project Beehive – USV (Unmanned Surface Vessel) and GCS (Ground Control System) Procurement**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The Royal Navy requires A fleet of 20 Uncrewed Surface Vessel orUSVs 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.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £10,250,000 excluding VAT

- £12,300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 16 February 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 1 month, 13 days

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 35511400 - Amphibious crafts and ships

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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### **Submission**

#### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

#### **Deadline for requests to participate**

13 January 2026, 11:59pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

Defence Sourcing Portal - <https://contracts.mod.uk/>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

16 February 2026

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**Award criteria**

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	<p>Stage 1 of this procurement will be against a pass/fail criteria. Stage 2 will use Technical and Commercial to assess a suppliers overall solution. The 70% Technical and 30% Commercial weightings shown here will apply to Stage 2 of this tender only. Stage 2 will comprise a set of Technical Questions based on the requirements in order to test various aspects of the bidders proposed solution.</p> <p>These will be evaluated in accordance with the scoring matrices to be circulated with Stage 2 of this procurement.</p>	Quality	70%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Commercial	Stage 1 of this procurement will be against a pass/fail criteria. Stage 2 will use Technical and Commercial to assess a suppliers overall solution. The 70% Technical and 30% Commercial weightings shown here will apply to Stage 2 of this tender only. At Stage 2 bidders will be required to submit as part of their tender a pricing proposal, which will be evaluated by the Authority in accordance with the process set out in the Stage 2 ITT.	Price	30%

## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

## **Dynamic market being used**

[Commercial X Dynamic Market](#)

## **Special regime**

Defence and security

## **Competitive flexible procedure description**

This procurement will be ran as a two stage process. Stage 1 will be used to assess supplier capability. Stage 2 will be used to asses Maturity of proposed solutions of those who pass the required criteria at Stage 1.

Suppliers meeting the criteria at Stage 1 will proceed to Stage 2.

Commercial X Dynamic Market ocds-h6vhtk-054901

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## **Documents**

### **Documents to be provided after the tender notice**

Further documents including ITT, SOR and Response template to Stage 1 will be released via the Defence Sourcing Portal <https://contracts.mod.uk/>

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## **Contracting authority**

## **Ministry of Defence**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government