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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 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.

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

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

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	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. These will be evaluated in accordance with the scoring matrices to be circulated with Stage 2 of this procurement.	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

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/>

Contracting authority

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