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Planning

## **Communications Ancillaries and Hearing Protection**

Defence Equipment and Support

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

715727504

### **Description**

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires a route to market for a range of Communications Ancillaries and Hearing Protection (CA&HP) to meet the varied operational needs of its personnel. This includes the requirement to provide the best tactical hearing protection (HP) on the market, as well as the provision of HP systems compatible with a range of operational environments/scenarios. Suppliers must be capable of providing ongoing support for these HP systems, including maintenance, fault resolution, and updates to ensure continued functionality and compliance with safety standards.

It is essential that suppliers have a reliable route to market to facilitate the ongoing procurement and support of current in-service deliverables, including INVISIO systems. This includes the ability to supply spares and firmware upgrades to ensure continued operational availability and effectiveness of these systems.

Furthermore, the MOD requires suppliers to have the capability to support the integration of hearing protection systems with a wide range of in-service and new-to-service radios and platforms. This includes the development and provision of ancillary equipment to enable seamless interoperability, ensuring personnel can effectively communicate and operate in complex and dynamic environments.

Access to a broad supplier base will ensure the MOD can procure the most suitable and innovative solutions while maintaining flexibility and adaptability to meet future requirements.

Personnel security vetted to SC are required to provide support which includes maintenance and support services.

The Authority can only consider UK registered companies.

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

- £50,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Description of extensions will be: 3 x 1 Year Options for the continuation of service.

1: 2030 - 2031

2: 2031 - 2032

3: 2032 - 2033

Taken up as per the Contract Terms and Conditions.

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Authority placed through ad-hoc tasking; generally increase of same scope outlined in the Statement of Work.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 35711000 - Command, control, communication systems
- 35712000 - Tactical command, control and communication systems
- 18444100 - Safety headgear
- 50333000 - Maintenance services of radio-communications equipment
- 32570000 - Communications equipment

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

## **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

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## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

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## **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

9 February 2026

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

**Deadline for requests to participate**

16 March 2026, 11:59pm

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

30 November 2026

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**Procedure****Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

**Competitive flexible procedure description**

Futher information will be provide in the Tender Notice.

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## Documents

### Documents to be provided after the tender notice

The PSQ will be supplied through the DSP.

The Tender will be supplied through Defence Share; details will be provide to those are invited to tender.

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## Contracting authority

### Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

