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Planning

UK2 - Preliminary Market Engagement

Defence Equipment and Support

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Adding title

Scope

Reference

715721470

Description

Supply of x60 New, ready to use Airbus A330-299 compatible LD6 /ALF Unit Load Devices (ULDs) by 15 Jun 26. Through life maintenance to ULD devices owned by the authority.

Total value (estimated)

- £236,000 excluding VAT
- £283,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 February 2026 to 8 March 2029
- Possible extension to 8 March 2031
- 5 years, 1 month

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50210000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft and other equipment
- 34741000 - Aircraft equipment

Contract locations

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 January 2026

Engagement process description

For the Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (PME) the Authority would like to understand the following to determine if it is able to run a Tender for this requirement.

Please consider answering the following questions:

1. If the Authority was to award a Contract in early March, are you able to provide up to x60 new ready to use Airbus A330-200 compatible LD6 / ALF Unit Load devices (ULDs by 15 Jun 26) for the Authority's purchase.
2. Are you able to repair and provide throughlife maintenance for the above purchased ULDs?
3. Are you able to provide repairs and maintenance for ULDs that you do not own or were not purchased from you?
4. Are you interested in attending an Industry day on 13 January 2026 to view ULD devices that need repairs to support the Tender process. Details below:

The Authority intends to hold an industry day on 13 January 2026 at RAF Brize Norton, for the viewing of the current Unit Load Devices that require repairing. This industry day will inform part of your Tender proposal and provide you with the data to draft your proposal for the repair component of the Tender.

if you would like to attend please provide the following details.

Name of Attendees(Max 2 per company):

Company Name:

Nationality:

If you have security Clearance:

Please note the Authority reserves the right to refuse attendance to any individual, company, or parties, change or cancel the industry day at any point. Any dates provided for industry day, Tender and Contract Award are indicative only and subject to change or withdrawal at any stage of the process.

The Authority will bore no costs for the booking of any travel, hotel arrangements or catering for this industry day, or the possibility of claiming back the costs if the date gets rearranged or cancelled. Please let us know in advance if there are any accessibility needs, and we will do our best to accommodate but may not be able to do so as the location is a working RAF Base.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 January 2026

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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