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Planning

Solent Gateway 2 - ECI and Works Contractor

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Scope

Reference

INF-SOT-25/1449

Description

Procurement of an ECI and Works Contractor for the Solent Gateway 2 project

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2026 to 1 August 2031
- 4 years, 9 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

Contract locations

- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 February 2026

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

28 March 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/abp/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

9 October 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Planned Procurement Notice – Solent Gateway 2

Associated British Ports (ABP) is the UK's largest ports group with 21 ports across the UK, providing essential gateways for trade and enabling the green infrastructure essential for the UK's energy transition. ABP directly employs over 2,400 individuals across the UK and handle approximately a quarter of the country's seaborne trade.

ABP hereby gives notice of its intention to commence procurement activities for the delivery of the Solent Gateway 2 project, following the publication of ABP's UK2 notice in September 2025.

ABP intends to use a competitive flexible procedure to appoint a main contractor to participate in the project's development stage, with an option for ABP to award the same supplier the subsequent construction phase.

This notice does not constitute a commitment to proceed to construction. The project remains at an early planning stage, and the purpose of this procurement is to engage suitably experienced suppliers to support design development, consenting, and statutory requirements.

The anticipated process will comprise two stages:

Stage 1: Conditions of Participation and Outline Proposals

Indicative timeline: February–March 2026

- Procurement Specific Questionnaire (pass/fail)
- Relevant case studies (scored)
- Assessment of capability, capacity, and ability to add value (scored)

ABP expects to shortlist three (3) suppliers at Stage 1, who will advance to Stage 2.

Stage 2: Innovation Competition

Indicative timeline: April–September 2026

Paid outputs under contract (all scored):

- Commercial proposal (pre-construction)

- Commercial proposal (main works)
- Design transition proposal
- Deep dive package proposal
- Programme proposal
- Organisational proposal

Following Stage 2, ABP anticipates selecting a single supplier for early contractor involvement and detailed design, and to subsequently submit an offer for the construction phase, should ABP proceed with the project. The contracting mechanisms are expected to be via NEC PSC and ECC with clause X22.

Project Timeline: Development Consent Order expected 2028

Project Budget: £350-500m anticipated construction value.

Opportunities to submit proposals for this project will be published on ABP's In-Tend portal, suppliers can register here: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/abp/>

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://solentgateway2.co.uk/>

Contracting authority

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