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Planning

Southampton Channel Deepening - The provision of dredging services at the Port of Southampton

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

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Scope

Reference

INF-SOT-25/1549

Description

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. The Port of Southampton is largest UK export port and a critical gateway handling container, automotive, cruise, and bulks.

ABP is looking to appoint a suitably qualified Principal Contractor to provide capital dredging services for proposed channel deepening works at the Port of Southampton and in the Nab Deep Water Channel. The works involve dredging for disposal at sea, and the relevant enabling activities including mitigation measures for the risk of marine UXO. The works will include dredging adjacent to an operational quay wall and in areas with buried

pipelines for which the Contractor will be required to have the appropriate plant and equipment, and proven experience of similar scale works. The works are to be planned by the Contractor to avoid disruption to Port navigation traffic and quayside operations.

A Competitive Flexible Procedure will be issued, with the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) due to be released to the market in mid-January 2026. This notice services to notify the market of this upcoming procurement.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2026 to 31 July 2027
- 9 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45252124 - Dredging and pumping works

Contract locations

- UKJ32 - Southampton

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 January 2026

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

6 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	The award criteria is likely to be assessed as 60% Commercial and 40% Technical. This approach is subject to change.	Price

Weighting description

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Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

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Documents

Associated tender documents

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

Contracting authority

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