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Planning

Cable Landing Station Security Guidance

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

Undersea cables carry 99%+ of the UK's international internet traffic. These high-capacity data flows underpin the UK's digital economy, national security, and global communications. Cable landing stations (CLS) are a critical part of the UK's subsea telecommunication cable network, acting as the physical interface between undersea cables and terrestrial infrastructure. Due to their strategic importance, CLS are high-value targets for both physical and cyber threats. The Government is committed to strengthening the security of UK cable landing stations.

To support this work, we intend to commission an accredited security consultancy to produce security guidance for CLS operators. This work will be jointly overseen by DSIT, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA).

Deliverables:

Deliverable 1: Written guidance for cable landing station operators – one report setting out

bespoke security guidance for CLS operators, that sets out technical protective security measures that operators should take, in a DSIT branded and editable format.

Deliverable 2: A presentation on the guidance and its recommendations.

Deliverable 3: An evidence compendium, setting out individual measures within the guidance and evidence in support of each measure, and identifying guidance or evidentiary gaps.

Total value (estimated)

- £93,000 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 2 June 2026
- 4 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 January 2026

Engagement process description

Contact Key person on RFI to confirm interest in ITT link when live

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 January 2026

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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