

Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS)

To be used for Technical Studies,
Project Support and Engineering Support

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The Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS)

The Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS) has been developed to procure Technical Support more effectively. Technical Support is defined as 'the provision of applied technical knowledge' and includes Technical Studies, Project Support, and Engineering Support.

Participating suppliers of FATS have mapped their capabilities across the FATS Technology Taxonomy and this information is available to the Acquisition Community via a software tool called the Market Knowledge Matrix (or MKM).

FATS provides a fast and efficient contractual route to procuring Technical Support using a standard Tasking Form together with pre-agreed terms and conditions, rates and discounts.

What is FATS used for?

- **Technical Studies** - research based activity including studies, prototyping and technical demonstrators.
- **Project Support** - Project based activities including technical consultancy, concept, development and In-Service Support.
- **Engineering Support** - Task based support including Post Design Services, repair, calibration, analysis testing and integration.

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Benefits of the Framework Agreement for Technical Support

- Faster and easier contracting route
- Pre-agreed Rates and Discounts
- Pre-agreed Terms and Conditions
- Reduces negotiation time and tendering costs
- Standard Tasking Form
- Suppliers have access to other Government Departments as well as the Ministry of Defence (MoD)

Membership

- Over 350 Suppliers have now joined FATS.

Who can use FATS?

- FATS is a Pan Government Framework Agreement. FATS can be used by all MoD Integrated Project Teams and Business Units, and is available for use by other Government Departments (OGDs).

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