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Planning

Commercial X Dynamic Market

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

London

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Commercial X Dynamic Market

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Commercial X is a new function within the MoD that is driving pace in innovation to support core MoD activity (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ministry-of-defence-commercial-commercial-x>).

Commercial X is seeking to establish a Dynamic Market under the new Procurement Regulations, due to go live 24th February 2025. The Dynamic Market will cover all Commercial X scope and provide a new competitive route to market with the following benefits:

- Create an open ecosystem which contains a low barrier to entry to encourage Small Medium Enterprise (SME) participation
- Create a competitive route to market which allows for flexibility

- Create a competitive route to market which allows for scaling of products and encourages spiral development

The purpose of this PIN is to make the market aware of an early market engagement session prior to establishing a Dynamic Market under the Procurement Act 2023.

A virtual market engagement session shall be held on the 27 Feb 25 at 13:00-15:00 UK Local Time using Microsoft Teams.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32400000 - Networks
- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles
- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles
- 35613100 - Unmanned combat aerial vehicles
- 35720000 - Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance
- 44316400 - Hardware
- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 72212220 - Internet and intranet software development services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73120000 - Experimental development services
- 73430000 - Test and evaluation
- 75221000 - Military defence services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The top categories identified at this stage are as follows with a brief description.

1. Hardware – Innovative hardware or hardware for IT or digital purposes
2. Hardware / Software – Innovative or digital software and hardware where these are delivered as a package
3. Software – The collection of instructions, programs, or data used by computers to perform specific tasks or operations. It is intangible and works in conjunction with hardware to enable functionality, user interaction, and automation of processes.
4. Intelligence / Experimentation / Innovation Services - Intelligence is the capacity to effectively gather, analyse, and apply knowledge and insights to develop creative solutions, enhance decision-making, and improve service delivery for clients. This involves continuously updating information about industry trends and client needs, utilising analytical thinking to identify opportunities, and fostering collaboration to generate innovative ideas that respond to changing market conditions.

Experimentation services involve designing, conducting, and analysing experiments to test hypotheses, validate ideas, or evaluate processes, products, services. These services are used to explore innovative solutions, optimise performance, or reduce risks before full-scale implementation.

Innovation is the process of creating, developing, or improving products, services, processes, or business models to generate value. It involves the practical implementation of new ideas to solve problems, meet needs, or exploit opportunities, often leading to significant advancements in efficiency, quality, or user experience.

5. Unmanned Air / Sea / Land Systems - Autonomous systems deployed & utilised within the air, sea, land and space environments
6. Military Technologies - Military technologies, communications, intelligence, weapons, equipment, structures & vehicles used within the Space, Land, Sea and Air environments
7. Networks - complex, secure, and highly controlled systems designed to facilitate communication, data sharing, and the operation of defence technologies. These networks are often critical to national security and must be optimized to handle sensitive data and support military operations while maintaining confidentiality, integrity, and availability.
8. Component Testing and Evaluation – involves testing individual parts or components prior to integration into larger systems, with a particular focus on innovative and / or digital systems.

9. Research and Development – creation of new products, technologies or processes, or improving existing ones, with a view to testing, scaling and improving the outcomes.

10. Infrastructure – Physical and virtual structures, including technological infrastructure, enabling daily functions with a view for identifying efficiencies

11. Technical Feasibility Studies – Assessing and evaluating projects, problem statements, solutions and implementation

12. Cyber – Cyber defence capabilities

II.2.14) Additional information

Invitation to the event will be by request. To register your interest in attending, you must complete this form <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/6qMVjSyD4i> no later than 18:00 on 20 Feb 25. At this point the form will close and no additional participants will be accepted. Due to capacity limitations, this engagement will be limited to one person per company.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 April 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The market engagement session is a sounding exercise to:

- assist Commercial X develop and sense-check its proposed categories and parts
- to understand market interest in joining the proposed Dynamic Market.
- provide background to the project and state its aims
- walk through the anticipated membership process
- walk through the anticipated timescales

We would like to encourage an open discussion to help create the most effective Dynamic Market possible.

If you have questions that you would like answered please include them in your response to the form (linked below) so that we can use the time on the day to the best effect.

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