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## **RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line Of Sight) Development Intelligent Partner**

BlueLight Commercial

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=BLUELIGHT>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91087>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=60096&B=BLUELIGHT](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=60096&B=BLUELIGHT)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line Of Sight)  
Development Intelligent Partner

Reference number

BLC-Aviation-0087

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The National Police Air Service (NPAS) is reviewing the feasibility of being able to deliver police air support across England and Wales via a combination of Rotary Aircraft, Fixed Wing Aircraft and RPAS. The initial requirement of this project is to conduct a review of a draft NPAS police air support delivery/deployment model. This will aid the understanding of demand and how and where RPAS with BVLOS capability could enhance service delivery as part of a blended fleet. An initial analysis of historical NPAS operational data will be presented to the preferred bidder (selected through this tender) by NPAS. This data will be overlaid with the performance parameters of potential RPAS capabilities.

Each recommended site will then be classified as accepted or rejected and a list provided of the improvements/changes that would need to be implemented for a site to become fully capable of being operational. The successful implementation of this project, may lead to further work.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The National Police Air Service (NPAS) is reviewing the feasibility of being able to deliver police air support across England and Wales via a combination of Rotary Aircraft, Fixed Wing Aircraft and RPAS.

It is envisaged that RPAS operated BVLOS will be required, with the ability to carry multiple payloads of significant weight and with an endurance which permits the completion of typical NPAS operational taskings,.

The initial requirement of this project is to conduct a review of a draft NPAS police air support delivery/deployment model. This will aid the understanding of demand and how and where RPAS with BVLOS capability could enhance service delivery as part of a blended fleet.

An initial analysis of historical NPAS operational data will be presented to the preferred bidder (selected through this tender) by NPAS. This data will be overlaid with the performance parameters of potential RPAS capabilities. The result of this exercise will be a list of recommended locations from where future RPAS operated BVLOS could be based.

The preferred bidder from this tender process, will then be required to examine the recommended site/area information. They will then detail the benefits and limitations/restrictions of each site from an aviation and RPAS operational perspective. Each recommended site will then be classified as accepted or rejected and a list provided of the improvements/changes that would need to be implemented for a site to become fully capable of being operational.

This would be crucial to develop the first draft of a theoretical Concept of Operations for a future NPAS blended fleet.

The successful implementation of this project, may lead to further work where expert advice on the development of future concept of operations (including costings) and assistance in the ongoing assessment of RPAS platform design and build may be required.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

one 12 month extension/renewal

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Please submit all tenders electronically via the EU Supply portal

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 March 2023

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

14 March 2023

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of England and Wales

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London

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United Kingdom