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## **Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport (RWCSAT)**

Ministry of Defence

F16: Prior information notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

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**For the attention of**

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**Email(s)**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

#### **I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:**

Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport (RWCSAT)

### **II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

### **II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services**

The Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Special Projects Multi Air Platform (SPMAP) Delivery Team is considering a new procurement for the Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport (RWCSAT) capability. The procurement is for a 5year period, with a requirement for the contractor to deliver a twin-engine helicopter and support service to deliver one (1) fit for purpose aircraft daily at RAF Northolt. The helicopter must be capable of carrying a minimum of three (3) passengers up to 250 nautical miles (nm). The helicopter must be able to operate in VFR and IFR conditions both day and night down to 500ft. This helicopter will be in support of very important person (VIP) tasking for defence activity.

The services that are likely to be required at the outset of any potential contract are:

1. Provide a suitable VIP transport twin-engine category A helicopter for defence tasking from RAF Northolt.
2. Provide a support service for the helicopter to ensure one (1) helicopter is available for daily tasking between 07:00 and 20:00 hrs, 365 days a year. The support service should be for up to five hundred (500) flying hours per year, with a preferred servicing location of RAF Northolt utilising existing infrastructure.
3. The helicopter must be capable of operating in VFR and IFR conditions both day and night down to 500ft.
4. The helicopter should be capable of single and twin pilot operations with a minimum of three (3) passengers.
5. The helicopter should have a minimum range of 250nm without refuel, hover and land in headwinds of up to 50 knots (kts).
6. The helicopter should be capable of Performance Class 1 operations and operating in Class A airspace.
7. The helicopter should be operated by military pilots under Military Aviation Authority (MAA) regulations. However, a Civilian operated solution could be considered.
8. The requirement should be available to start operations on the 1 Apr 2023.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) has been issued to provide information to the market and for the Authority to sound out the market to enable it to develop its procurement strategy for this requirement.

The Authority would like to understand the market's view on the proposed operation start date and potential solution for both defence and industry partner to ensure any future tender is deliverable within current market conditions. This PIN is not a means to seek formal expressions of interest; that opportunity may become available in the future through the publication of a formal contract notice that will be published on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

If you are interested in this requirement, and have not done so, please send an email to [Christopher.davidge100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.davidge100@mod.gov.uk) by 17:00 Friday 25th March. Your email shall be no longer than 300 words and shall provide evidence of your capability to deliver the requirement including an indication of whether you can support a Military Registered, and/or Civil Registered capability and the latest required Contract Award date to meet the stated service delivery commencement date. This information will not be used to down

select suppliers, that will be conducted via the ITN pack once the contract notice has been published. Any information provided will be kept confidential.

**Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £40,000,000 and £50,000,000

**Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 60400000 - Air transport services

**Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60410000 - Scheduled air transport services
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services
- 60424120 - Hire of helicopters with crew
- 60444000 - Aircraft-operation services
- 60444100 - Pilot services
- 60445000 - Aircraft operating services
  - FB01 - For military use

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

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

### **VI.2) Additional information**

Suppliers interested in working with the Ministry of Defence should register on the MOD Supplier Information Database (SID) Register, available at [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk). The MOD SID is a database of active and potential suppliers available to all MOD and UK Defence procurement personnel, and is the main supplier database of MOD Procurement organisations. Please note: the registration and publication of a company profile on the MOD SID does not mean or imply that the supplier has in any way been vetted or approved by the MOD. Suppliers wishing to compete for advertised MOD contracts must respond to any specific call for competition by submitting a separate expression of interest in accordance with the instructions of the purchasing organisation.

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise.

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