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## **701553383 - JES/00138 - ARDENT WOLF**

Ministry of Defence (Defence Equipment & Support)

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)**

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**Further information**

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

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.3) Main activity**

Defence

**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:**

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

Supplies

**NUTS code**

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

The Authority has a potential requirement for the delivery and in-service support of a new Maritime Communications Electronic Support Measures (CESM) capability being fitted to

the Type 23 frigates, that will provide Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance. ARDENT WOLF will replace the current CESM capability on the Type 23 frigates. The proposed solution will need to consist mostly of a readily available Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) product that is at a high Technical Readiness Level (TRL).

The planned contractual duration is six (6) years.

The Authority is holding a Market engagement brief for interested suppliers where further details regarding the project will be briefed. The market engagement brief will be held virtually on Monday 17th May 2021 (full details will be provided to approved attendees).

Please note, attendance is limited to a maximum of two (2) employees per Company and only one (1) division of a Company. All attendees will need to have UK SC clearance as a minimum to attend this Market engagement brief.

If you would like to attend the market engagement brief, please express your interest via email to [Kate.French103@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.French103@mod.gov.uk). Interested parties should respond no later than 17:00 BST Monday 10th May 2021 and provide the following details:

- The names of the employees who are nominated to attend.
- E-mail address and contact telephone number (for each individual).
- Security Clearance level held (for each individual).
- Security Clearance details (to be provided by the Company security officer).

The Authority reserves the right to take a discretionary view for responses received after this period. In addition, the Authority reserves the right to restrict or refuse attendance where deemed appropriate to do so.

The Authority reserves the right to hold further individual (1-2-1) sessions with parties which participate in the market engagement brief, to understand the industrial landscape and potential solutions.

Following the market engagement brief, the Authority anticipates launching the procurement by advertising a Contract Notice.

Prospective suppliers will be required to hold UK List X status at Contract Award. Tenderers will be required to hold a minimum of SC clearance to have access to the PQQ and ITN documentation. Before you apply to attend the Market engagement brief, please consider your ability to meet these requirements.

The Authority may at its sole discretion amend and/ or cancel this early market engagement/ subsequent procurement process or withdraw this PIN at any time for any reason. No contractual rights express or implied arise out of this notice.

Indicative time frames for the procurement (subject to confirmation/ change by the Authority):

Contract Notice & Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ): June 21

Invitation to Negotiate (ITN): Aug 21

Contract Award: April 22

**Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £7,000,000 and £20,000,000

**Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

- 35720000 - Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance

**Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35721000 - Electronic intelligence system
- 35722000 - Radar
- 35730000 - Electronic warfare systems and counter measures

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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**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.