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## **Maritime Command and Staff Trainer**

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)**

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#### **For the attention of**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **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.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:**

Maritime Command and Staff Trainer

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

Supplies

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

This is the second PIN for the Maritime Command and Staff Trainer (MCAST) capability, which forms part of the Maritime Electronic Warfare Programme (MEWP) and builds upon the original PIN dated August 2021 (701551758 PIN 1).

PIN #1 contains further information on the MCAST capability. Interested parties are encouraged to regularly check the MOD Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) for future updates on the Programme.

The Purpose of this PIN (#2) is to communicate that the planned release of the Invitation to Negotiation (ITN) for the MCAST project has been delayed. Unfortunately, there have been some changes to the previously publicised schedule as a result of resource constraints. Both DE&S and Navy Command have re-prioritised the delivery of conflicting Programmes meaning MCAST ITN issue will be delayed until Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2022.

For information, the new indicative timeframe (subject to change) we are now working to is as below.

- Forward Notice Briefing pack to include industry engagement plan (if applicable) – Q3/22.
- Contract Notice to include Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) – Q3/22.
- ITN pack issued following DPQQ down selection – Q4/22.

ITEC - The Customer's intention is to attend ITEC on Weds 27 Apr as intelligent customers to get a better understanding of the current market offerings

DSET - The Customer's intention is to provide an MCAST presentation to the market, as part of the Maritime/Naval Training and Experimentation briefing session on Fri 10 June.

Note: The security classification for this requirement is up to and including UK SECRET-UK Eyes only level. The prime supplier must be a UK based company: however, overseas companies shall not be prohibited from involvement in delivering those elements that do not require access to more highly classified information and are therefore encouraged to seek sub-contract opportunities with UK based prime suppliers.

TFEU Cyber Security: It shall be a Condition of Tendering that you complete the Supplier Assurance Questionnaire (SAQ) via the Supplier Cyber Protection Service (<https://suppliercyberprotection.service.xgov.uk/>) (Octavian) to demonstrate compliance with the required cyber risk level of very low.

Where your intention is to subcontract any element of the requirement, you must assess the Cyber Risk Profile of the subcontractor and, if the Cyber Risk Profile is higher than 'Not Applicable', require them to complete a SAQ.

If you cannot meet the level of security controls required by the potential contract start date a Cyber Implementation Plan (CIP) shall be requested for consideration as part of your tender submission detailing the steps, they would take to meet the necessary controls, together with associated timescales, details of any equivalent standards they have, or reasons why they are unable to comply. Details on the CIP acceptance process is in DEFSTAN 05-138 and guidance on what is expected in a CIP can be found in the Defence Cyber Protection Partnership (DCPP) Cyber Security Model (CSM) Industry Buyer and Supplier Guide.

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 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 contract 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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) has been issued in order to provide information to the market. This PIN is not a means to seek formal expressions of interest; that opportunity may become available in the future through a contract notice published on DSP. In addition, there may be further update PIN's on this subject.

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

- 35740000 - Battle simulators

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **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.