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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)

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## **Section II: Object**

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

Services

#### **Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

UK

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

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

1. In order to support the delivery of NSIGN's objectives, it recognises that Industry can play a major role in helping the Authority bring about necessary change, challenge its current and future thinking and help to bring a more commercial and global approach as to how the Authority contracts its Royal Navy Operational Support.

2. The Authority will be seeking the provision of external Industry expertise across a series of disciplines, experience and original, disruptive thinking. In order to have the freedom, agility and opportunity without constraint to achieve these aims, it is considering setting an NSIGN Client Support Framework, where it can invite demonstrated and capable suppliers to become a member of the Framework.

3. The Naval Support Integrated Global Network (NSIGN) Portfolio will deliver a suite of new contractual arrangements to enable Ship and Submarine engineering support services along with support to enabling Naval Bases. The NSIGN Client Framework is required to support the NSIGN Portfolio and provide a range of support expertise for delivery of specific tasks across the Concept, Assessment, and Transition Phases, which Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S)/Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA) cannot effectively deliver without this mechanism. This support will be provided across all organisations delivering NSIGN and potentially other maritime projects, namely DE&S, Navy Command (NC) and (SDA).

4. The NSIGN Client Framework will provide access to solution design and contract for implementation of Suitably Qualified and Experienced Personnel (SQEP) with the

required expert skills and industrial knowledge to undertake tasks in support of the Portfolio. This includes but is not limited to provision of information relating to Global shipping along with industrial and commercial ship repair industries. These skills are not typically held within the organisations delivering the NSIGN Portfolio, as such the NSIGN Client Framework is required to ensure MoD requirements are achieved and anticipated benefits are delivered.

5. The NSIGN Client Support Framework will have Three discrete Lots. The Lots relating to this PIN cover Two Lots. There will be another Lot to work alongside these and is expected to be procured via the Crown Commercial Services Framework and will cover Strategic Consultancy.

6. The Authority will be looking to set-up the NSIGN Client Support Framework in 3rd quarter of 2023.

### **Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £15,000,000 and £20,000,000

### **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 50640000 - Repair and maintenance services of warships
- 60640000 - Shipping operations

### **II.6) Scheduled date for start of award procedures and duration of the contract**

Scheduled date for start of award procedures: 1 August 2023

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

### **II.7) Additional information**

Dates are indicative

### **Information about lots**

Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

**Lot No**

2

**Lot title**

Deep SQEP

**1) Short description**

i. Provision of expert advice in relation to specific specialist tasking. This may relate to Cost Model development, Sector Analysis, Capacity & Capability studies (both UK and Global) and Commercial Shipping Models.

ii. Typical tasks within this Lot include:

- Cost modelling – Development of cost models to support: the baselining cost of the as-is support solution; understanding of the impact of KPI incentivisation's; and options analysis as part of the NSIGN Programme(s) approvals.
- Cost estimating – Develop a Cost Estimate to support production of the NSIGN Cost Modelling accounting for NSIGN Scope and options utilising commercial shipping market knowledge and understanding to ensure a robust estimate is developed.
- Sector analysis - Undertake market analysis to identify suppliers for full scope in the UK and in overseas areas of operation.
- Global maritime support – Reviewing support requirements to identify work that can be completed Globally and conducting a Capacity and Capability review to understand how the support can be completed.
- UK Ports and shipping infrastructure, capacity & capabilities – Conducting a Capacity and Capability review of Military and Civilian facilities, comparing with anticipated support requirements to identify how this support can be best provisioned.
- Environmental sustainability – Develop sustainability appraisals for the NSIGN solution to allow understanding of environmental impacts from the NSIGN Portfolio to be considered throughout the options process.
- Social Value - Provide advice on how NSIGN can improve its impact on Social Value to allow consideration within Options Analysis and Procurement & Commercial Strategies.

- Incentivisation mechanisms - Review and design improved effective mechanisms together with modelled benefits, and implementation and measures.
- Cost and Delivery Performance – Collation and Analysis of current performance and benchmark against typical commercial service providers
- Procurement and Commercial Strategy - Provide guidance, advice and recommendation with innovative and original thinking for generating new ways of working that can encompass lessons learned and also commercial world thinking

iii. The structure of this Lot and numbers of participating suppliers will be finalised following feedback from the Industry day.

## **2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

### **CPV additional**

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## **4) Indication about different date for start of award procedures and/or duration of contract**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

## **5) Additional information about lots**

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.

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### **Lot title**

Challenge Function

## **1) Short description**

i. The Challenge Function exists to challenge thinking of all work through the NSIGN Client Framework, as part of this the framework will oversee tasks to gain an understanding of the methods used and provide independent advice to the Authority on the task outputs. This challenge will be used to ensure the best balance between Commercial and Military Ship Support Solutions and ways of working.

## **2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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### **CPV additional**

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

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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**

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### **VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework**

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

#### **Tax legislation**

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

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#### **Environmental protection legislation**

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