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Planning

RFI0058 RFA Uniform Tailoring Services - PME

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

This is currently a Request for Information only and not a tendering opportunity at this time.

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) is directed to replace the RN Shoulder Flash with an RFA Shoulder Flash to enhance its identity and visual distinction from the core Royal Navy. While the Authority has identified a procurement route for the Shoulder Flash, a tailoring solution is required due to the dispersed nature of the workforce, which comprises approximately 1700 personnel.

Given the diverse geographical locations of these employees, the solution must ensure a fast and efficient tailoring service across all regions. Ideally, employees will be able to take their uniforms to a location near their home residence, where the tailoring can take place. Whilst mail services have not been ruled out, it would need to be an inclusive cost and reassurances around loss and / or damage to uniform.

A centralised tailoring solution will ensure consistency in the attachment of new shoulder flashes and adherence to uniform standards. This solution is required for a minimum of six months while a permanent solution is established.

Suppliers and market experts are invited to complete this request for information to support the Authority in understanding potential solutions. Please find details of how to complete this RFI within the Defence Sourcing Portal.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 April 2025 to 16 April 2025
- 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98393000 - Tailoring services
- 35811300 - Military uniforms

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 April 2025

Engagement process description

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<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=59685>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government