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MERCURY Market Interest Day_PIN_FT

Ministry of Defence

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Email

DES-FCG-TeamMercury@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.army.mod.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

61639376_PIN

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to advise all interested suppliers of our intention to hold a Market Interest Session.

The British Army presents PROGRAMME MERCURY; a catalyst for 2035 Science and Technology challenges and beyond, to industry today: enabling Army- wide transformation. By identifying and developing 'generation-after-next' technologies and

capabilities, MERCURY will ensure enduring operational advantage against the challenges outlined within the Land Operating Concept (LOpC).

MERCURY is to be a transformational programme, we seek to:

- Collaborate across diverse suppliers to solve Army S&T 2035+ challenges with Industry today.
- Identify and develop generation-after-next capability solutions while driving opportunities for UK Industry and economy.
- Enable Army's modernisation as outlined in the Land Industry Strategy and defined in the Land Operating Concept.

Growing and diversifying supply chain opportunities is at the heart of the Army's Land Industrial Strategy, and it is recognised that markets with a broad range of suppliers of different types, including SMEs and Academic Institutions can offer better value for money, promote innovative solutions, and give Defence services access to expertise and knowledge on complex issues. MERCURY is committed to working with all suppliers to support this new and novel strategy, ensuring that we deliver the very best Value for Money service in support of Defence.

To find out more on MERCURY's Mission, Vision, and Objectives, engage with our quarterly Newsletter.

Link: <https://sway.office.com/cSDVApxGbgZm67nb?ref=Link>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31000000 - Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 35000000 - Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 42900000 - Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

- 51000000 - Installation services (except software)
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services
- 80600000 - Training services in defence and security materials

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is not associated with any procurement activity at this point and is solely for the purposes of running a Market Interest Session.

It is our intention to hold an early market engagement event on the 6 July 2023 to discuss MERCURY'S approach to 2035 Capability Challenges, launch of our Communities of Interest, Commercial activity, our key priorities, and our expectations of suppliers that we collaborate with.

MERCURY will also use the opportunity to gather intelligence from providers which may influence and inform the programme's technical and commercial approach and opportunity to shape the programme processes and commercial strategy and wider opportunities.

The Market Interest Day will be the formal launch of our Communities of Interest (COI) to support in the shaping of the Capability Challenge Problem Set, 2035 Roadmap, and subsequent Capability Challenge Pipeline Statement of Requirement (SOR) in

preparation for our framework launch. MERCURY encourages Industry, Academia and S&T partners to register their interest to attend this event in order to join relevant COIs.

This session will be a conference style face to face event, broadcast via Microsoft Teams, with an interactive means to answer questions via Slido. All questions gathered throughout the day will be answered and distributed after the event.

Please register your interest through our Microsoft Teams form by Monday 19th June 2023 through Mercury Market Interest Day Registration

(Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7WB3vINZS0iuldChbfoJ5ehE6bnLBbRNq7idDg9PE1xURUJZQlhJNV00QTFZMVVHN1VDWjhNTVJaOC4u>),

or contact us through our commercial team: DES-FCG-TeamMercury@mod.gov.uk.

An invite will be sent out two weeks prior to the event confirming further details and the location (requiring review after unprecedented demand). This will also include the agenda for the day, and the Microsoft Teams Link.

II.2.14) Additional information

Mercury Market Interest Day Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7WB3vINZS0iuldChbfoJ5ehE6bnLBbRNq7idDg9PE1xURUJZQlhJNV00QTFZMVVHN1VDWjhNTVJaOC4u>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 May 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No