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Planning

RFI -FUTURE AIRCREW AND PASSENGER HELMET PROJECT -PMEN

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

RFI -714520454

Description

The MoD has initiated a project and intends to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to provide helmets for passengers travelling in rotary wing aircraft and aircrew operating in aircraft with both static (S) and ejection seats (E). Each of these three helmet types has a set of initial requirements which are specific to the aircraft/seat combination and type of user.

Total value (estimated)

- £32,000,000 excluding VAT

- £38,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2028 to 1 April 2038
- Possible extension to 1 April 2040
- 12 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 44164100 - Casing
- 18444110 - Helmets
- 35813000 - Military helmets
- 18444000 - Protective headgear

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 May 2025

Engagement process description

A Request for Information was issued Dates : 08/04/25 for response by 09/05/25 Time : 23.59.

Preliminary Market to date as follows : PRELIMINARY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

8th April 2025

1. This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (PMEN) seeks to inform the market of previous informal market engagement that has been carried out by Air Command in preparation for a new headworn protection project.

2. The Aircrew Systems team routinely attends the SAFE Europe and SAFE International events on an annual basis. Most of the engagement stated below, has been by way of informal conversation carried out at these events.

3. The purpose of attendance at these industry events is primarily for educational purposes (to understand emerging technologies from the market). Attendance also serves to allow access on an equal footing to all potentially interested industry partners.

4. The list of industry partners engaged with on this basis to date has been listed below in Table 1.

5. Additional conversations have been carried out by Air Command with two industry partners. The intent of this interaction has been stated in Table 2 below.

Table 1

Company and Pre-Competition Interaction

Gentex UK

SAFE International 2022, 2023, 2024

SAFE Europe 2023, 2024, 2025

LIFT USA

SAFE International 2022, 2023, 2024

SAFE Europe 2025

Transaero Inc

SAFE International 2024,

SAFE Europe 2025

Crew Systems Corporation

During SAFE International 2023

Collins Aerospace

RIAT 2024

SAFE Europe 2025

Final Forge LLC

During SAFE International 2023

Tiger/ICARO

SAFE International 2024

SAFE Europe 2024, 2025

Level Peaks Associates (LPA)

SAFE International 2024

SAFE Europe 2024

INSTA

SAFE International 2024

SAFE Europe 2023, 2024, 2025

CF Helmets

SAFE Europe 2025

Table 2

Company Pre-Competition Interaction Intent of Engagement

Gentex UK Visit to Gentex UK - Letchworth Informal conversation - helmet standard: DEFSTAN 05-102.

Level Peaks

Associates Visit to Level Peaks – Hereford Existing LPA contract meeting -

Informal remarks made to helmet capability.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 December 2025

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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