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Planning

Applications are invited for the assessment of C-sUAS (Counter-Drone) Soldier-Carried Systems by the UK MoD RIC

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35125100 - Sensors

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The misuse of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) represents a significant and growing risk to operations and day-to-day Defence activity both in the UK and overseas.

The Rapid Innovation Cell (RIC), endorsed by the Military Capability Board, has been established as part of the UAS Capability Development Centre (UASCDC) to test and evaluate (T&E) mature C-sUAS capabilities and generate a managed Defence database of available capabilities. Through a regular programme of T&E events, the RIC will establish the efficacy of commercially available capabilities. It will also increase broader awareness of the C-sUAS market and support a more agile method of delivering capability to the front line.

To prevent capability gaps and ensure interoperability, it is intended that Defence C-sUAS systems will use the 'SAPIENT' open architecture. This will also ensure that our systems can evolve at the component level enabling the spiral development of capability.

RIC Test Cycle #3

The RIC has established a series of Test Cycles. Each Test Cycle will focus on a particular subset of C-sUAS systems. Test Cycles are scheduled for every six months, nominally in the spring and autumn of each year.

Suppliers of mature C-sUAS Soldier Carried Systems are invited to apply to have their product's performance assessed by the RIC. To apply you must complete an online questionnaire for your product. The product questionnaire will be available from 11:00am Monday 12th July, 2021, and responses must be fully completed and submitted by 11:00am Monday 9th August, 2021. Please complete a separate product questionnaire for each product that you wish to put forward for assessment.

Test Cycle #3, will focus on mature C-sUAS products that conform to the following scope:

1. The total weight of the product must be