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Planning

Innovation for MOD

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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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/ogc-host/public/mod/web/login.html>

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

Innovation for MOD

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) recognises the need to adapt to various factors in the evolving geo-political landscape to fulfil its responsibilities within the UK Government. To enhance its ability to respond to challenges and leverage innovation opportunities, MOD aims to foster a culture of innovation by collaborating with academia and industry.

One initiative involves establishing an academic programme of Defence Innovation, including an innovation module for students on the Advanced Command and Staff Course.

This programme aims to teach innovation methodologies, source Defence problem

statements for investigation by postgraduate students, and provide access to industry and academic expertise.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80500000 - Training 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

The Supplier of this programme must provide an innovation framework for students, source problem statements from MOD, offer industry mentors, ensure quality course delivery, and facilitate links to innovation networks. The contract consists of three phases: Preparation, Program Delivery, and Evaluation. During Preparation, relationships with universities are established, course content is developed, problem statements are sourced, and industry mentors are engaged. Program Delivery involves guiding universities, supporting problem sponsors, coordinating student deliverables, and facilitating visits to innovation hubs. Evaluation includes reporting benefits, ensuring quality control, identifying improvements, and conducting media communications.

We would like to inform you that MOD intends to use Crown Commercial Service's (CCS) RM6219 Learning and Training Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for this requirement.

For a list of supplier minimum requirements and instructions on how to apply to join the RM6219 Learning and Training Services DPS, download CCS's 'Quick supplier guide' from the 'Documents' section of CCS's RM6219 webpage (<https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6219>). Before applying, suppliers should first read the RM6219 bid pack (https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/download/open?fr=DPS_PROFILE_LEARNING), to check they agree to the standard terms and conditions associated with the DPS.

We will be using Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) to run the competition. Suppliers who are not registered in time for the start of the procurement will not be able to bid. Instructions on how to register are included in the <https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/ogc-host/public/mod/web/user-guide.html>.

II.2.14) Additional information

The publication of the PIN is today, 21/05/2025, with further dates to be provided.

The intention is to release a competition in the coming weeks.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 May 2025

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: Yes