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Planning

Rapid Capabilities Office and Air Capability Industry Engagement: Low-Cost Uncrewed Air Systems (LANCA Follow-On)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Ministry of Defence

Rapid Capabilities Office, Air Command

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For the attention of

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Country

United Kingdom

Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

Rapid Capabilities Office and Air Capability Industry Engagement: Low-Cost

Uncrewed Air Systems (LANCA Follow-On)

II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

Following the lessons learned from Project MOSQUITO, Project ALVINA, and wider Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) experimentation, the Rapid Capabilities Office (RCO) and Air Capability are considering how to best exploit Low-Cost UAS to support the Combat Air Force Mix as part of follow on LANCA activity and wider Uncrewed System Development.

The Authority will be holding an engagement day on Tuesday 29th November 2022 to inform Industry of Air's intent for additive/adjunct capability in the Combat Air Force Mix, and to provide Industry Partners with the opportunity to consider how they could best contribute to Air's intent within a subsequent R&D portfolio.

This engagement will likely be of interest to Industry Partners who specialise in any of the following: UAS design and manufacture, propulsion, systems integration, navigation, communication, Electronic Warfare (EW) payloads (active and passive), autonomy, command and control, airworthiness and certification.

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles

II.7) Additional information

Engagement Day

- The Engagement Day will be held in person at RAF High Wycombe, HP14 4UE.
- To allow for maximum attendance, the Authority will hold two Industry Engagement Sessions on Tuesday 29th November 2022, at 09:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 16:00.
- The content of each session will be the same so please register for one session only.
- The engagement will include a series of briefings from Air Capability, with an opportunity for Industry Partners to ask questions.

Classification

- The engagement sessions will be classified at SECRET UK EYES ONLY.
- All attendees must hold SC clearance (at a minimum), must be a UK National and the company represented must have a UK entity.
- Evidence must be provided upon registration (please see below).
- All information provided through the engagement sessions must be treated as Commercial in Confidence and handled on a need-to-know basis.

Registration details:

To register for an Industry Engagement Session, please confirm the below details via email to Melissa Roberts (melissa.roberts184@mod.gov.uk) and Cher Dugard

(cher.dugard100@mod.gov.uk) no later than Friday 18th November 2022.

Attendance will be limited to 2 people per company.

Email Subject: Low-Cost Uncrewed Air Systems (LANCA Follow-On) Industry Engagement

Please include:

- Full Name:
- Position / Title:
- Company Represented (must have a UK entity):
- DOB:
- Confirmation of Nationality (or Nationalities):
- Evidence of Security Clearance (minimum of SC):
- Please state your preferred session (AM or PM) however, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If travelling by car, please also provide the following:

- Make of Car:
- Model:
- Colour:
- Vehicle Registration Number:

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.