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Planning

## **RF Effectors**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040f6f

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Home Office

London

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.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**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

RF Effectors

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35200000 - Police equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Authorities seek to determine market potential and consider market views on the requirements with a view to ensure such views are considered for any potential procurement that the Authorities may wish to launch

As part of the continual development of the NPCC LLW strategy, this request for information aims to scope and identify innovative opportunities in next generation RF EFFECTOR's that can be tested and introduced into UK Policing. This is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of RF Effectors within UK Policing, maintain public confidence in RF Effector technology and improve public and officer safety.

This RFI is an information gathering exercise to support future direction and decision making in this area to establish future potential RF Effectors and if suitable alternatives to current provisions are identified.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35200000 - Police equipment

- 35730000 - Electronic warfare systems and counter measures

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

A handheld Radio Frequency (RF) Effector ('jammer') protects against drone intrusions. The effector cuts off the most common links between the drone and the operator, preventing the drones reaching their intended target or carrying out their intended mission.

Remotely piloted aircraft, drones or Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) are used to carry out a whole host of functions by all sections of the community, including both legitimate and illegal activity. This may include carrying an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), video espionage, privacy violations or transportation of contraband, among others. RF Effectors may be used to counter the careless, inconsiderate or criminal use of drones. They can be used as a standalone device or may have an interface to other technologies, such as a detection system.

NPCC Counter Drones coordinates this activity with national equipment and training that is interoperable using 'mutual aid' for all Home Office forces. Police Scotland, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Ministry of Defence Police, Civil Nuclear Constabulary, British Transport Police, and the National Crime Agency also accord with the principles set out in the national model that in future will be covered under the College of Policing's Authorised Professional Practice (Counter Drones) (APP) for the deployment, training and use of counter drones equipment.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

8 January 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to gather market intelligence/information, to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published in Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

To request access to the RFI document please email [CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk) and request the RFI document related to RF Effectors. The document will then be sent for completion and should be returned to the same email address before the deadline. Responses are required as soon as possible to inform next steps, but the RFI will remain open until 12PM on 06/11/23

Interested parties should not make direct contact with policy officials, all enquires/communication should only via the approved communication channel.