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Planning

## **Army Apprenticeship Programme (AAP) Future End Point Assessment (EPA) Service Opportunities**

Ministry of Defence

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

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##### **Email**

[ArmyComrcl-Procure-AAP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ArmyComrcl-Procure-AAP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=54219>

### **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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Army Apprenticeship Programme (AAP) Future End Point Assessment (EPA) Service Opportunities

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The AAP provides apprenticeships to 15 Cap Badges across the Army, each Cap Badge runs multiple Standards to enable them to offer a high-quality Apprenticeship Programme for their soldiers.

This Prior Information Notice is to inform of the Department's intention to procure 3 Apprenticeship Standards EPA service contracts for the AAP covering 13 different Standards grouped as shown below.

All Interested parties are to note:

- All the information on Standards below is subject to change and figures indicate current forecast throughflow. They are for illustrative purposes only and are also subject to amendment.
- Where multiple Cap Badges are listed on a single Contract, individual Cap Badges may not deliver all the listed Standards. Full details of which Standards are used by each Cap Badge will be provided in the Tender pack.
- It is intended that contracts will be awarded for 3 years with an option of up to a further 12 months with a subsequent option of up to a further 12 months, (3 years + up to 12 mths + up to 12 mths), a maximum of 5 years.
- EPA elements to be conducted at employer premises or remote where agreed by the Cap Badge and allowable under the Assessment Plan.
- Under current plans, Army anticipates commencing the tendering for the EPAOs to the approximate timings below. A competition for each of these requirements, under the Open Procedure, will be launched with release of the appropriate Contract Notice's on the Defence Sourcing Portal.
- This PIN is to alert the market to this potential future requirement and is not a formal request for Expressions of Interest (EOI). A Contract Notice and Dynamic PQQ may be issued in due course to request EOIs which shall reference this PIN.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

COMBINED LOGISTICS EPA

Cap Badges:

Royal Logistics Corps; Royal Air Force; Royal Engineers;

Royal Signals; Royal Artillery (RA);

Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Supply Chain Warehouse Operative (ST0259), 250 Assessments
- L2 Express Delivery Operative (ST0103), 405 Assessments
- L2 Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) driver C+E (ST0257), 860 Assessments

Anticipated timing:

ITT March 2024, Contract Award July 2024, First EPA February 2025

COMBINED CATERING EPA

Cap Badge:

Food Services Training Wing

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Production Chef (ST0589), 50 Assessments
- L3 Senior Production Chef (ST0232), 20 Assessments
- L3 Facilities Management Supervisor (ST0170), 16 Assessments

Anticipated Timing:

ITT April 2024, Contract Award August 2024, First EPA August 2025

COMBINED AVIATION EPA

Cap Badges:

Army Air Corps, RA, Royal Logistics Corps

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Aviation (Avn) Customer Service Operative (ST0907), 35 Assessments
- L2 Avn Ground Handler (ST0908) and L2 Avn Ground Operative (ST0037), 12 Assessments overall
- L3 Avn Ground Specialist (ST0038) and L3 Avn Movement Specialist (ST0954), 80 Assessments overall
- L3 Avn Flight Operations Coordinator (ST1007), 10 Assessments
- L4 Avn Operations Manager (ST0039), 5 Assessments

Anticipated Timing:

ITT April 2024, Contract Award August 2024, First EPA August 2025

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

31 March 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: Yes