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## **713285451 - Future Air Dominance System (FADS) - RFI - Market Engagement**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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Ministry of Defence, Defence Equipment and Support

Bristol

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#### **For the attention of**

Lonnen Zoe

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#### **Country**

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

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

[www.mod.gov.uk](http://www.mod.gov.uk)

**Further information**

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

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**Section II: Object**

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

713285451 - Future Air Dominance System (FADS) - RFI - Market Engagement

**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**

The Future Air Dominance System (FADS) Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) is seeking to engage with suppliers for the purposes of gaining a clearer understanding of current market capabilities and potential offerings which may be relevant to FADS.

FADS is a transformative multi-domain programme that will provide Maritime Integrated Air and Missile Defence (M-IAMD) against the toughest of threats in the air and space domain, and Long-Range Precision Strike (LRPS) against the hardest of targets in air, land, and maritime domains. The FADS programme will align itself with a ‘system of systems’ approach and brigade around the themes of; SENSE, DECIDE, EFFECT, CONNECT, HOST and ENABLE.

FADS will deliver Air Defence of the Carrier Strike Group and Littoral Strike Group from the mid-2030s; a role currently being provided primarily by the Royal Navy’s Type 45 Destroyers.

Following the issuance of a Prior Information Notice (PIN), dated 18 November 2024 (Ref. 2024/S 000-037234), the Authority would like to sincerely thank all suppliers who have expressed an interest in the FADS programme. If you attended the brief on 03 December and would like to provide some feedback, the Authority would be grateful if you could

complete the questionnaire linked here

<https://forms.office.com/e/9K96GW0B7g>

- to provide feedback that will help us improve how we engage with you in the future.

The slide pack shared at the brief is available for viewing via AWARD. To access the documentation, interested suppliers will have to register to AWARD and pass necessary checks in a security gateway. To register, please follow this link -

<https://award.commercedecisions.com/dsp/web/project/c681dabd-6f69-4130-a815-9a82d6902ca3/register>

– and follow the instructions when prompted.

This second notice serves to provide further information regarding the next Market Engagement Event 2 (MEE2): One to Ones.

These sessions will be held on 28, 29 and 30 January 2025.

The purpose of these one-to-one sessions is to provide industry with an opportunity to present their organisation's capabilities and how they might align with the objectives of the FADS programme. MEE2 will assist the Authority to; gain a greater understanding of the marketplace capabilities, capacity, and skills regarding the potential requirement(s); and, understand where industry sees challenges and opportunities in relation to the potential requirement(s).

Spaces are limited, and booking will be done on a first come first serve basis. Please note – due to national security considerations in relation to the FADS programme, the Authority reserves the right to limit participation in market engagement, including Market Engagement Event 2: One to ones, at its discretion.

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is not informing the market of an imminent procurement.

One to one sessions will take place either via a Microsoft Teams call available on the 28th and 29th January 2025 or limited face to face slots on the 30th January 2025.

One to one sessions have been categorised into the two following areas:

- Ship Building, Naval Design, Damage Control, Automation, Lean Crewing, Propulsion Systems, Support

And

- IAMD, Systems Engineering, System Integration, Combat Systems, C5ISTAR, Electronic Warfare and AI

To book an ONLINE slot (date 28 -29 Jan 25) for Ship Building, Naval Design, Damage Control, Automation, Lean Crewing, Propulsion Systems, Support please use this link:  
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To book a FACE TO FACE slot (date 30 Jan 25) for Ship Building, Naval Design, Damage Control, Automation, Lean Crewing, Propulsion Systems, Support please use this link:  
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All sessions will be a maximum of 45 minutes long. Please prepare material to share with the team which can be made available electronically no later than 12:00 22nd January 2025. Once you have successfully booked a slot, the Authority will contact you detailing

how to share a copy of your material.

If you choose a face-to-face slot, these will be held in Abbey Wood Bristol. The Authority will be in touch with you to arrange your visitor booking. All visitors will be booked in on a RED ESCORTED pass. Face to face appointments will be limited to 3 people per organisation.

Slots are available on a first come first serve basis. The Authority understands that where large organisations are separated into different business units there may be more than one booking made per organisation.

If once you have booked a slot you decide that you no longer wish to speak to the Authority, please cancel this slot by managing your booking, which will allow another member of industry to book that slot. The Authority reserves the right to cancel any reservation.

The Authority will not be liable for any costs associated with attendance at the Market Interest Day or the production of a response to any subsequent RFI.

## **II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 35510000 - Warships

### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts
- 35722000 - Radar
- 35723000 - Air defence radar

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

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## **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](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

