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Planning

Range Safety, Planning and Management (RSPM)

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

713161450

Description

The User requires a capability to plan, conduct, and review Dismounted Close Combat (DCC) live-fire tactical training (LFTT) activities at ranges across UK and overseas. The system must enable the creation, submission, authorisation, and secure retention of compliant digital traces, in accordance with Defence Safety Authority (DSA) Regulations 1 and Live Fire Policy 2. It must provide enhanced situational awareness for range safety staff. The system must support After-Action Review (AAR) by integrating historical activity data and allow access via Defence Gateway on both MOD and civilian devices.

Live field firing represents the apex of operational preparation for land forces yet carries persistently high risks of dangerous occurrences and fratricide. Current manual live fire range design and exercise control methods are antiquated and inefficient; they do not optimise Defence Training Estate (DTE) usage or force generation opportunities. They are prone to human error, incapable of genuinely supporting the execution and review phases

of training and cannot integrate with complementary technologies or digital modernisation capabilities. Safety incidents and fatalities on ranges are attributed to a combination of causal, contributory and other factors, often stemming from human error, procedural efficiencies, and limitations in equipment and training. The 17 live fire training deaths of UK military personnel and subsequent investigations from Jan 2000 to Mar 2023 are an illustration of these failings.

Modernising range planning and management will enhance the UK's training, improve coherence and deconfliction while maximising DTE usage, improving safety and reducing the risk of the Armed Forces preparing for operations. A software package will apply digital parameters and technology-enabled safety interventions throughout the planning, management, execution and after-action review (AAR) phases of training. It will enable the dynamic management of the Defence range estate to maximise throughput and save lost training time and resources. Modernised range planning, management and conduct will aid in reducing the risk resulting from the Army's key risk to life activity, without the value of the training suffering. The capability will not replace, but support the already inherently Safe Persons, Safe Equipment, Safe Place and Safe Practice as detailed in live-fire SSoW policy.

RSPM seeks to provide:

An efficient range planning and management process: The legacy reversionary methods of planning DCC live-fire activity, whilst considered safe, can be made more efficient.

Situational awareness and enhancing safety of live-fire activity: Incidents and fatalities have occurred during live-fire activity for multiple reasons, often compounding. Situational awareness of range safety staff has been cited as a Contributory Factor, especially at night.

Quantification of lethality: The imperative for the DCC operative is to become more lethal and this begins with the fundamentals of marksmanship training. The aim of live-fire training is to provide a realistic tactical setting to train firers and team leaders in the skills and procedures necessary for operations. This can be shortened into the adage 'Train how we fight'. To garner the most benefit from any live-fire exercise there needs to be feedback, formal and informal to those involved with all stages of the training.

Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) as part of the MOD, reserves the right and has no obligation to continue with the requirement following Preliminary Market Engagement (PME), and if potential suppliers choose to act on any information received during PME, it is entirely at their own risk.

Total value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 November 2026 to 31 October 2031
- Possible extension to 31 October 2036
- 9 years, 11 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75221000 - Military defence services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

29 September 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

The RSPM industry engagement day took place on the 5th of September 2025 at TechUK, London with several applicers attending both online and virtually.

The purpose of the event was to introduce the requirement/problem the Authority is trying to solve, as well as seek advice and feedback to aid the Authority with the following:

- Forming the tender approach
- Helping to shape the final requirements
- Assess project affordability
- Assess whether the project is currently deliverable to desired timelines
- Challenge Authority assumptions and dependencies.
- Flag unidentified technical or delivery risks .

The Authority presented the PowerPoint presentation linked below:

https://file-eu.clickdimensions.com/techukorg-azyrq/files/techukrspmindustryengagement.pdf?1757942452134&_cldee=-mkIBuBfYJcGw3Z9jPSosTB0xrphYe53eK8HwervNkdOc7EyDjglnmu5Haogg-r&recipientid=contact-435a27b83092f011b4cc000d3adb4b8a-911a8b8c2a734bcc8489989fa61bcf94&esid=666ecb92-3092-f011-b4cc-000d3adb4b8a

A recording of the event can be found below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4fT9c33qkk&_cldee=-mkIBuBfYJcGw3Z9jPSosTB0xrphYe53eK8HwervNkdOc7EyDjglnmu5Haogg-r&recipientid=contact-435a27b83092f011b4cc000d3adb4b8a-911a8b8c2a734bcc8489989fa61bcf94&esid=666ecb92-3092-f011-b4cc-000d3adb4b8a

The clarification questions the Authority received were sorted thematically to prevent repetition where the same questions was posed multiple times. The Authority's responses to these observations and questions can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.techuk.org/resource/industry-feedback-summary-rspm-industry-engagement-day.html>

In order for suppliers to contract with MOD, under the terms of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23), suppliers must first sign-up to the Central Digital Platform / Find a Tender Service (CDP/FTS).

Therefore, any suppliers who are potentially interested in tendering for the RSPM requirement are strongly encouraged to sign-up at the earliest possible opportunity.

This is a very quick process and should only take a matter of minutes to sign up via the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/suppliers-how-to-register-your-organisation-and-first-administrator-on-find-a-tender-in-three-easy-steps-html>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

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