

RFI0028

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**Commercial Analysis of Safety Critical Data Held in Navy Lessons Information
Management System (NLIMS)**

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1. Introduction

This RFI is not a bidding opportunity but a means by which industry can provide information. Any resulting procurement activity will be conducted competitively.

Please note:

This RFI is an information gathering exercise, no further discussions with industry are planned at this stage however any future procurement activity will be advertised in line with public procurement regulations on the Defence Sourcing Portal and Contracts Finder.

2. Background

The current Navy Lessons Information Management System (NLIMS) is due to be retired, either through development of a new NLIMS database in Project KRAKEN's Foundry Data Integration and Analytics Platform or adoption of a derivative of the Defence Unified Reporting and Learning System (DURALS). NLIMS holds safety critical data in approx. 37,000 records. These records will not be transferred upon retirement and therefore Navy Command requires a provision to learn from these legacy records. Capacity, security, and software tools to analyse these records in a meaningful way for organisational learning shall be required to meet 1SL's legal and moral duty of care.

3. RFI intended outcomes

This RFI aims to achieve the following three (3) outcomes:

1. Develop further the Authority's understanding of the different technologies and capabilities available in the market, both current and emerging.
2. Align Authority requirements with industry standards and processes.
3. Enable the Authority to develop a procurement strategy that will deliver best value for money for Defence.

4. RFI Procedure

Responses to this RFI will be reviewed by subject matter experts from different functional areas within Navy Command Headquarters.

If upon review of your submission any clarifications or additional information is required, you will be contacted using the details provided in your RFI response.

Any details provided in response to this RFI will be used for information purposes only and will not be used to determine the potential Suppliers who will be invited to bid, should the Authority proceed to tender.

The results and analysis of this RFI shall not constitute any form of pre-qualification exercise.

Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law.

Nothing in this RFI, or any other engagements with Industry prior to a formal procurement process, shall be construed as a representation as to the Authority's ultimate decision in relation to the future requirement.

5. How to submit responses to this RFI

Respondents should provide responses in accordance with the format provided in **Annex A** quoting the RFI reference on all documentation and emails.

Please do not submit additional documents such as company overviews, the purpose of the RFI is to collect information related to the technical solution, any additional documents will not be included in the review process.

Any responses received after the deadline will be passed to the subject matter experts for information, however they may not be included in the RFI review meetings which are to be held immediately following the deadline.

Once completed, please return electronically to the e-mail address(es) shown below in **section 9**, no later than **12:00, 15th December 2023**.

Responses will be acknowledged electronically by return e-mail.

6. Confidentiality & Proprietary Information

No information included in your response, or in discussions connected to it, will be disclosed to any other third party.

Proprietary information, where included, should be kept to minimum and must be clearly marked.

For the purposes of this RFI, any documentation submitted should be classification OFFICIAL.

7. Costs of preparing your RFI response

Any costs relating to the preparation and submission of a response to this RFI are the sole responsibility of the respondent.

8. Contact

Quoting the RFI reference, please submit

- i) any requests for clarification
- ii) all responses to this RFI and
- iii) any questions regarding Classification of document(s) intended for submission, to:

NAVYCOMRCL-RFI@mod.gov.uk

9. Annex A

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Question	Answer
Company Name	
Company Address	
Is the company a Small - Medium Enterprise (less than 250 employees)?	
Name of Company representative completing the RFI	
Contact details (e-mail and telephone number)	
Company web site address	
Main products/services/line of business	
Main market sector	
Number of years in this market sector	
Questions	
What is the best technical solution currently available?	
Do you have any other comments/feedback or any suggestions on how to improve the way the requirements could be met?	
Please provide an anticipated duration to fulfill the deliverables as described within the draft user requirement document (URD) ?	
What challenges might emerge over the course of delivery that your Company would wish to draw our attention to?	

What dependencies and assumptions might emerge over the course of delivery that your Company would wish to draw our attention to?

How can we mitigate the risk of demand fluctuations in respect of data volumes whilst meeting MODs objective to provide cost effective, flexible, and scalable services?

Are there any opportunities / challenges over the course of delivery in respect of DNA's objective to improve value for money? For instance, innovative methods of delivery.

Are you able to advise on any additional compatible technologies or compatible relevant systems in addition to those already listed in the URD?

What supply chain vulnerabilities might exist in relation to the supply of services and how might the Authority consider mitigating these?

In addition to the extant legislative commitments (e.g. Anti-Slavery), what Social Value commitments do you see your Company employing in the provision of the services?

How would you expect to price or cost for this type of requirement – i.e. per milestone or task required, lists of services to be selected from, day rates for personnel delivering outcomes (if this would you remain interested if MOD set day rate limits).

What team construct would you expect to undertake this provision and for how many days?

What do you believe the rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost would be to deliver this service?