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Dear Industry Partner,

### Defence Sourcing Portal – Introducing the new MOD E-Sourcing Platform

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) have been working hard to modernise and improve the way we interact with our supplier community. The introduction of a new Oracle based E-Business Suite over the past four years has resulted in significant improvements in our transactional efficiency. The next big improvement will be the way we engage with our supply base to advertise and tender our market opportunities.

The MOD are currently in the process of implementing a market leading, industry standard e-Sourcing platform, called the **Defence Sourcing Portal** (DSP).

The DSP is due to be launched in February/March 2021 and will cover the following scope:

- Advertising of MOD market opportunities (replaces the existing Defence Contracts Online (DCO) portal)
- Pre-Qualification for opportunities (replaces DCO)
- Tendering
- Evaluation
- E-Auction events

It will handle procurement activities up to OFFICIAL SENSITIVE.

### Benefits for Suppliers

- ✓ The DSP will be a one-stop shop for you to access all MOD adverts, prequalification and tendering opportunities, as well as relevant information on doing business with MOD (including innovation and exports)
- ✓ Tendering via the DSP will allow secure online document exchange and clarification management with a clear audit trail, resulting in the removal of email and paper based, inefficient business practices

### Key Milestones

Solution Configuration and Testing	October - November 2020
Suppliers to register on DSP in readiness from for Go-Live	December 2020/January 2021
DSP Platform Go-Live	February/March 2021
All new adverts and tenders post Go-Live to be published on DSP	February/March 2021

Ongoing adverts and prequalification opportunities posted pre Go-Live to be completed on DCO

Until end of April 2021

DCO close-down

End of April 2021

Suppliers will be required to register on the DSP in order to view and participate in future MOD sourcing opportunities.

The registration process is straight forward. Helpdesk support will be provided.

Registration will be available from December 2020/January 2021. More information and a link to the new DSP will be shared in due course.

A transition and implementation approach have been developed to ensure continuity:

- Cutover of the existing DCO URL [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) to the new DSP home page from December 2020
- The DSP home page will have a link to enable registration, implementation updates and a link to DCO
- All adverts and prequalification opportunities will continue to be hosted on DCO until the DSP Go-Live
- New adverts and prequalification opportunities will start on the DSP at Go-Live
- Completion of ongoing adverts and prequalification opportunities posted pre Go-Live will continue to be progressed in DCO
- Planned DCO close down at the end of April 2021

We will keep you up to date with progress and make sure you're briefed on any actions that you may be asked to take.

Please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system/contracting-purchasing-and-finance-cpf-tool> to get the latest updates and information on the e-Sourcing project.

Yours sincerely

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