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Dear Industry Partner,

Defence Sourcing Portal – Implementation Update

In early October I announced the upcoming implementation of the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP), the MOD's new e-Sourcing platform. You can find this announcement [here](#).

The DSP will modernise the way we interact with you and be a one-stop shop to access all MOD opportunities. It will cover:

- Advertising of our market opportunities (Replacing Defence Contracts Online)
- Pre-Qualification for opportunities (Replacing Defence Contracts Online)
- Tendering
- Evaluation
- E-Auction events
- News and information on doing business with MOD

Facilitating secure online tendering, the DSP will increase our 'go to market' efficiency and remove paper-based processes.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on the key milestones.

Implementation Milestones:

Configuration (Completed)	Aug / Oct 2020
Testing and Acceptance	November 2020
Platform available / Production build complete	Mid December 2020
Web address (www.contracts.mod.uk) cutover to new DSP landing page; Access to adverts hosted on Defence Contracts Online will still be maintained at this point (via the DSP)	January 2021
Suppliers to register on new DSP platform in readiness for February	From January 2021
Platform live for users	Feb/March 2021
All new adverts and tenders to be published on the DSP	Feb/March 2021
Run out of adverts on DCO & DCO closedown	Q2 2021

Communication Timetable:

We're committed to actively engaging, keeping you up to date and fully prepared for the DSP launch. Our priority is to ensure that the implementation runs smoothly.

Building on the engagement we've already established via these notes, our GOV.UK pages and trade / supplier forums, the timetable below sets out the themes for upcoming communications.

November

Week commencing 30th – Implementation update and brief on changes to ways of working.

December

Week commencing 14th – Implementation update, introduction to the DSP and registration instructions.

January

Week commencing 4th – Introduction to the DSP and registration instructions.

Week commencing 11th – Managing opportunities after go-live and during DCO to DSP transition.

We are working hard to ensure that the platform is ready for launch in February 2021 and will keep you fully up to date in line with the timetable above.

Further information on the Defence Sourcing Portal is available [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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