



Ministry
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Dear Industry Partner,

The Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) is now live!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the new Defence Sourcing Portal went live as planned on the 15th February '21.

The DSP is now the MODs strategic platform for advertising new opportunities, conducting prequalification, tendering and subsequently the evaluation of tender submissions.

I'd like to thank you for your support so far in helping achieve this important milestone.

As market opportunities are defined by the MOD they will be advertised on the DSP, the volume of these will ramp up over the coming weeks.

We are still in a transition phase as we conclude opportunities on our legacy platform (Defence Contracts Online) and ramp up the use of the DSP. It's key that you don't miss any opportunities, please see below a reminder on navigating the transition period.

1) Managing Opportunities during Transition

- Up to the 15th of February, we will still advertise and run pre-qualification for new opportunities on our legacy platform, Defence Contracts Online (DCO). Opportunities started on DCO will remain there until they close, we will retire the platform once all ongoing opportunities on DCO are concluded.
- From the 15th February, all new opportunities will be advertised and tendered on the DSP. Any opportunities published prior to the 15th will continue to be completed on DCO.
- Both the DSP and DCO publish opportunities on the Contracts Finder and Find a Tender portals. For the period up to the point that all opportunities on DCO close, there will be opportunities on Contracts Finder & Find a Tender that have originated from either DCO or the DSP. It's important to register interest for opportunities on the platform they originated from.
- The publishing date on the opportunity is the primary reference to use, however, we will ensure that there is further support and guidance covering this both on the published opportunities and on the DSP homepage.

2) Using the DSP

- The DSP Supplier User Guide is now available, both on the DSP login landing page for those already registered, and [here](#) on gov.uk.
- Please note that there is absolutely no charge for registering or using the DSP.

- The DSP helpdesk is available if you are experiencing any issues. All details can be found at www.contracts.mod.uk

Further information can be found [here](#) and again, please contact DefComrclCPF-PMO@mod.gov.uk if there are any further questions you would like to ask.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Jones' or similar, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.