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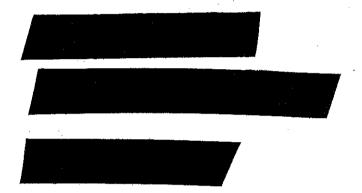
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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Your correspondence dated 16 May 2016 is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information relating to contract title: ISS Symposium Lot 1:

"A copy of the list of bidders at PQQ and/or tender stage (company names) and the tender stage scorecard for all bidders (including winner)."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) is now complete and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, some of this information is subject to exemption under Section 43(2) of the FOIA as it is likely to prejudice commercial interests.

All tenders were assessed against the most economical advantageous tender criteria (MEAT) and each bidder was provided with their score and that of the winning bidder. None of the bidders were

provided with the complete set of scores as this would essentially provide unsucessful bidders with a full picture which would enable them to calculate the percentage variance in scores and costs between the highest and lowest giving them a potential competitive advantage in the future. For this reason the information held in the scorecard is being witheld under Section 43(2) of the FOIA in order to protect the commercial interests of the bidders.

Information which may be released is provided below:

There was no PQQ issued for this requirement as tenders were invited from suppliers within Crown Commercial Services framework RM1049; details of which can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The following bidders from the Events Planning Delivery and Related Services framework submitted a tender:

Dods Parliamentary Communications Ltd GLASGOWS Ltd M Integrated Solutions The Live Group

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk">http://www.ico.org.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat