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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2015. You asked:

As a responsible citizen of this country would like to know what the criteria for selecting BDUK as supplier for BIWMS programme (Phase 2 onwards)?

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

'BIWMS Programme Phase 2' is not a term we recognise.

The Base Warehouse Inventory Management System (BWIMS) Project (then known as BIMS(A)), is a core deliverable of the Future Logistics Information Service (FLIS) contract which was let in 2011. This project is being delivered in two Releases: BWIMS R1 and BWIMS R2. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information on the subject.

However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract information in scope of your request would involve at least some four man days of effort.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide the requester with advice and assistance on how to reduce or refine a request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit by narrowing or limiting its scope. However, in this instance it is difficult to see how this could be achieved.

There is currently no procurement activity ongoing for possible Releases beyond BWIMS R1 &2 (BIMS (A)), therefore no information is held.

What I can tell you is that the MOD selects the appropriate evaluation process for each of its tenders; providing it is open, transparent and complies with the principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and other relevant legislation, the MOD is free to select the evaluation criteria that it believes is appropriate and will achieve the optimum result for the Authority. When evaluating tenders the MOD must adhere to the published evaluation process in selecting the successful tenderer.

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, 1st 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



DE&S Secretariat