

## Innovative Research Call 2020 for Explosives and Weapons Detection: Clarification Questions and Responses

**Can suppliers who have undertaken work to achieve Proof of Concept as part of a previous competition enter 'no-cost' or minimal cost bids for phase 1 of IRC 2020, in order to propose further work for phase 2?**

Previous successful IRC bidders are welcome to bid into the current competition; as per the competition document, we request that proposals acknowledge previous participation in the IRC. However at the end of each phase of the competition, the IRC stakeholders expect evidence that the project has advanced further than its starting state (e.g. advancing the technology readiness level of a piece of equipment). In practice, this means that further development beyond the previous IRC competition deliverables is expected.

No cost bids are also welcome, however bidders should note that to bring the contract into effect the Authority shall be required to make a £1 payment for consideration.

**Are Government Furnished Assets, including materials and data, available to bidders as part of this competition?**

At this stage in the competition we cannot commit to providing access to materials or data sets (real threat or simulated). Bidders can request Government Furnished Assets, but must make it clear what their bid would deliver without access. Details of specific threat materials of concern will not be released to project teams, other than what is already in the public domain.

Successful bidders will be assigned a technical partner who will provide advice on the project. Where deemed appropriate and necessary, this could include advice on a bidders evaluation approach to demonstrate progress including test materials.

**Where can I submit details of any potential future tasking?**

Details of potential future tasking, including indicative costs and timelines, should be submitted through the 'Potential Future Tasking' section on the application portal.

**How should I format my application on the portal?**

Bidders should format their applications as they would any other bid for funding. Images, graphics or other illustrations can also be submitted through the system under each section.