Royal Navy Industry Engagement: Naval Strike Network Seminar 11 July 2022

The Royal Navy will host a **Naval Strike Network** workshop at Portsdown Technology Park, Portsmouth, PO6 3RU on 11 July 2022.

This workshop will be an opportunity for the Royal Navy to set out its vision for the Naval Strike Network (NSN) and how it will seek to provide an enabling infrastructure for the integration of uncrewed systems into maritime operations across a dispersed and disaggregated maritime force. The Royal Navy will set out its development roadmap and describe the challenges it is seeking to solve.

The aim of this engagement is to commence a conversation between the Royal Navy and industry partners on digital capabilities, C4 concepts and emergent thinking as the RN integrates crewed and uncrewed systems into operations for increased lethality and operational advantage. This will be the first time the RN has shared its thinking on the future of this developmental pathway as Naval Strike Network becomes a funded programme for exploitation of maturing and emergent technologies.

NSN will be an evergreen programme and the RN seeks collaborative partners as well as technical insight to ensure that NSN acts as an enabling framework for deployed digital capabilities that meet both the immediate and longer term future requirements. The workshop is not seeking to uncover immediate solutions, but start a dialogue on potential development opportunities.

The RN will deliver a presentation on NSN, host a question and answer session and facilitate break out sessions to discuss the future direction of the six lines of effort that the RN will fund through the NSN programme.

Attendees should be well versed in the technical aspects of their domains that will help the group discuss future avenues of collaboration and/or investment opportunities and attendees should be open to the principles, challenges, concerns and examples of the respective individuals' domain expertise. For this event all information shared and discussion will be at the official level only. There are no nationality requirements for the event.

Break out sessions will cover:

- Combat system integration and open interfaces and standards;
- Data Standards, architecture and security;
- Future exploitation of ISR data;
- Communications and the demand on C4 enablers;
- Interoperability with partners and allies;
- Research, development and experimentation to support spiral development through the programme;

It is anticipated that this will be the first in a series of events as the Royal Navy seeks to refine its vision for NSN and build on these lines of effort in the coming months and years.

There will be opportunities for attendees to network with each other and RN personnel, and time for questions and answers. Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided.

There will be no charge for attendance at the seminar and attendees are expected to meet their own travel costs. There will be a maximum capacity of 80 industry attendees, due to this limited capacity we are only able to accept one attendee from each organisation - allowing us to include as many different organisations as possible. If we receive multiple registrations from your organisation we will put you in touch with each other so you can decide your final attendee, but we request organisations communicate internally as much as possible before registering anyone.

Registration will close at midday **1 July 2022**. Additional detailed information and joining instructions will be sent out to successful applicants by **6 July 2022**. If the seminar is over-subscribed we will prioritise attendance based on relevance to the RN's C5ISR development roadmap. This may include looking at elements like job titles (with those in technical roles given priority over sales/business development titles).

For the avoidance of doubt:

This is a networking opportunity only. Neither the presentation or discussions constitute any form of prequalification exercise. Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law. Nothing in the event or any other engagements with Industry prior to a formal procurement process, shall be construed as a representation as to the Authority's ultimate decision in relation to any future requirement

Registration can be completed via the Eventbrite page: <u>Royal Navy Industry Engagement: Naval Strike Network Seminar Tickets, Mon 11 Jul 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite</u>. If you have any questions, or need to withdraw your registration please email <u>NAVYCOMRCL-MEPG@mod.gov.uk</u>