**Royal Navy Industry Engagement: Artificial Intelligence Workshop 0900-1300 19 Apr 23**

**Overview**

The Royal Navy will host an **Artificial Intelligence** **Adoption** workshop at Action Stations, College Road HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3LJ England on Wed 19 April 2023.

This workshop forms part of ongoing work within the Royal Navy to produce an AI adoption plan and a corresponding implementation plan. The Royal Navy will present, review, and refine the draft outputs produced, with those industry partners for whom AI is of salient business interest.

**Workshop Aims**

The aim of this engagement is to spark a meaningful conversation between the Royal Navy and industry partners on the topics of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning and related digital and software systems. This will inform the recommendations made within the Royal Navy’s AI adoption plan and shape the manner of their ongoing industry engagement on the subject. AI is an increasingly pressing issue for future readiness; this will be the first time that the Royal Navy has shared its thinking on the future of this developmental pathway.

The AI adoption plan will seek to accelerate AI adoption by identifying key capability gaps for which AI may form part of the solution, as well as the enablers required for the development and deployment of AI capabilities at scale. This workshop will seek to validate and hone the proposals and ideas produced so far, as well as garner further input from the wider industry community.

**Workshop Content**

Representatives from the Royal Navy will deliver a presentation on the AI planning work, followed by an opportunity for clarifying Q&A. Participants will then engage in break-out sessions to discuss and provide input on key aspects of the AI plan.

Selected attendees should be well versed in key AI/ML capabilities. They should have given thought to the challenges of AI/ML deployment in the Defence context to effectively engage in these discussions. Issues of relevance are:

* the criteria for use of AI/ML in a maritime context
* the process of developing AI/ML enabled capabilities
* the process for continuous deployment and continuous improvement
* the fundamental requirements (physical and data infrastructure, governance, assurance, people) to support the operational use of AI/ML

There will be the opportunity for attendees to network with each other and Royal Navy personnel. Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided.

**Registration & Attendance**

For this event all information shared and the discussion held will be at an Official level only. There are no nationality requirements for the event.

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 50 industry attendees with a limit of 1 attendee per organisation. If we receive multiple registrations from your organisation, we will put you in touch with one another so you can decide your final attendance, but we request organisations communicate internally as much as possible before registering anyone.

Registration will close at midday **31st March**. Additional detailed information and joining instructions will be sent out to successful applicants by **7th April.** If the seminar is over-subscribed, we will prioritise attendance based on relevance to the Royal Navy’s AI adoption plan work. This may include looking at information provided in the registration form, such as job titles (with those in technical roles given priority over sales/business development titles).

**For the avoidance of doubt**

This is a discussion and ideation opportunity only. Neither the presentation nor discussions constitute any form of pre-qualification exercise for any procurement process that may come as a result of the AI adoption strategy.

Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law. No part of 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 this form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7WB3vlNZS0iuldChbfoJ5e7nKnZDstNPslkHTrACxphUQzFXWVZXSENaQ0ZOTllLMUVHSFQ5SjY0UyQlQCN0PWcu). If you have any questions, or need to withdraw your registration please email NAVYCOMRCL-MEPG@mod.gov.uk