

RFI002
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PROVISION FOR DUAL-PURPOSE COOKING EQUIPMENT

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1. Introduction

This RFI is not a bidding opportunity but a means by which industry can provide information. Any resulting procurement activity will be conducted competitively.

2. Background

There is an enduring requirement to provide a dual-purpose cooking solution for use within the extreme cold weather environment,

- Capability weights no more than 1.5kg
- Can be easily packed to a size no larger than 30cm cubed.
- Capable of heating 1 litre of ice to boiling water in approx. 20 mins
- Capable of heating a space of approx. 4 cubic metres to 25 deg C when the ambient temperature is -20 deg C.
- Heat output can be controlled i.e. adjusted from low output to high output.
- Can be safely used in a confined space without risk or dangerous emissions or uncontrolled heat outputs (flaring).
- Performs as described in temperatures down to -50 deg C (still air).
- Can operate in a wind of 15 metres/second.
- Performs as described at altitudes up to 7000m.
- Is suitably robust for military use.
- Can be easily sustained in austere and remote settings.

3. RFI intended outcomes

This RFI aims to achieve 4 outcomes:

- 1) Align the MOD requirement with industry capability and processes for procurement of the required solution.
- 2) Develop a procurement strategy that will deliver best value for money for Defence.
- 3) Implement an enduring solution that allows the Authority to plan its activity against an assured continuity of service, whilst also supporting ad-hoc, unprogrammed surges in demand.
- 4) To inform a Procurement Strategy that enables the implementation of an enduring solution.

4. RFI Procedure

Responses to this RFI will be reviewed by subject matter experts from different functional areas within Navy Command Headquarters.

Any details provided in response to this RFI will be used for information purposes only and will not be used to determine the potential Suppliers who will be invited to bid, should the Authority proceed to tender.

The results and analysis of this RFI shall not constitute any form of pre-qualification exercise.

Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law.

Nothing in this RFI, 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 the future requirement.

5. How to submit responses to this RFI

Respondents should provide responses in accordance with the format provided in **Annex A**.

Once completed, please return electronically to the e-mail address(es) shown below in **section 9**, no later than **12:00, Friday 22nd January 2021**.

Responses will be acknowledged electronically by return e-mail.

6. Confidentiality & Proprietary Information

No information included in your response, or in discussions connected to it, will be disclosed to any other third party.

Proprietary information, where included, should be kept to minimum and must be clearly marked.

7. Costs of preparing your RFI response

Any costs relating to the preparation and submission of a response to this RFI are the sole responsibility of the respondent.

8. Contact

Please submit i) any requests for clarification and ii) all responses to this RFI, to:

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Annex A

Question	Answer
Company Name	
Company Address	
Name of Company representative completing the RFI	
Contact details (e-mail and telephone number)	
Company web site address	
Main products/services/line of business	
Main market sector	
Number of years in this market sector	
<u>QUESTIONS</u>	
1. What is the best technical solution currently available?	

2. What technical solution might be available in 12 months?

3. What technical solution may be available in 5 years?

Innovative solutions are most welcome, even if they do not meet all of the requirements above, we would welcome the opportunity to consider the positives and negatives.