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Smart Basing - Access Control Market Interest Event Clarification Questions Return

Introduction

1.   Smart Basing Access Control Project and Commercial Team are to provide written responses and collation of all questions asked by potential industry partners during the Market Interest Event. These questions are to be shared with all companies in attendance.

Ser	Question	Answered during meeting?	Response
1	Will user profile be centralised and available across standard MoD sites? IE, once verified, local hosts just need to inform the system you are coming in?	Yes	Yes. As an example, a spouse/ partner could also register and gain access to all sites they are authorised to which is operating this system. Site authorisation levels still TBC. Their profile on the system would also be data protection compliant.
2	How might an SME engage with this process and offer their services as part of a consortium, either directly with MOD or with those companies who are chosen?	No	Suppliers are free to contact participating organisations in the Market Interest Event to contribute to a Request for Information (RFI) response. Depending on the route to market the requirement will be advertised, and SMEs can submit bids in their own right or as part of a consortia. Similarly, any resulting Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be published using the usual routes e.g., Defence Sourcing Portal or via a framework. Suppliers are free to partner, should the route-to-market permit.

3	Is entry gained via ANPR on a sole basis or are you using a secondary identification factor in order to gain vehicle access?	Yes	Entry will be gained by a combination of vehicle and digital pass.
4	Re: Beacon Barracks in Stafford, we are talking to Henry Brothers on an existing solution, is there another entrance where the new concept will apply?	No	Yes, it is a different gate. This project is focussed on the Main Entry Point at MOD Stafford.
5	Do you plan to use MOD Cloud as your main area to house the data base?	Yes	Detailed in the User Requirements Document: *"Access control system must be able to check and work alongside existing MOD digital systems to confirm [user] details and site permissions where relevant, ie through API to JPA. It is expected that this will include integration with MOD Cloud through a secure gateway. This may include DVLA and .gov database verification as required."* (URD, UR 2.2 pg24)
6	Is the Access control to be to NPSA standards?	Yes	Detailed in the User Requirements Document: *"The system must conform to NPSA and NCSC standards"* (URD, UR 7.1 pg46)
7	Have we sought any advice from MPSA on available technical solutions which are already certified?	Yes	The 'Smart Basing – Access Control' Project Team (PT) is **not** in any direct contact with MPSA.
8	What existing contractors are happening on other sites? IT enablers? Or working with existing security systems?	Yes	Some sites are under an existing Private Finance Initiative (PFI)/ Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract. For example, RSME Minley is currently supported by Holdfast PPP. Collaboration with that industry partner will be necessary.

			Additionally, should the final project delivery solution come under the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), collaboration with a contracted industry partner may also be required.
9	What security clearance would the engineers need to install equipment?	Yes	Installation engineers, standard 'BPSS'. For subsequent CCTV/ Response Operators, a mix of clearances will be required across the project. Expected, up to 'SC' could be required in some areas.

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