**Overview**

Ascent Flight Training (Management) Ltd is inviting bids, under two lots, to provide equipment based service provisions that will support the delivery of the FIRCTS Programme from 2024 to 2033. FIRCTS is an MOD Category A programme, which will deliver sensor operator training to Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Air Force (RAF) personnel during their phase 2 training at RNAS Culdrose and RAFC Cranwell. Airborne training will utilise the current Avenger aircraft and will be based upon live sensors including Radar, AIS, EO/IR, and airborne emulation of EW and Data Link. Ground based synthetic training will be based upon the simulation of Radar, AIS, EO/IR, Acoustics, EW and Data Link with dedicated RPAS Ground Control Simulators.

Lot 1 – Ground Based Training Equipment (GBTE) – based at RAFC Cranwell and RNAS Culdrose

Lot 2 – Aircraft Service Provision (ASP) – based at RNAS Culdrose

An Industry Day is being held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at Burges Salmon, Bristol which will consist of a presentation outlining programme requirements and the opportunity to meet the FIRCTS Project team, including representatives from 22 Group, DE&S and Ascent. Organisations of all sizes and areas of expertise are welcome given the wide variety of lot scope. Hopefully the event will also provide the perfect opportunity to meet other organisations for the purposes and partnering and teaming.

**Industry Day**

The Industry Day will be held at 10:00 on 26th July 2022 at Burges Salmon, Bristol. The aim for this day is to provide information relating to the ASP and GBTE requirements, which will include the following:

* Introduction from UKMFTS team;
* Overview of current Mission Aircrew Training System;
* Scope of ASP and GBTE Competitions, including scope of the PQQ; and
* Opportunity to meet the FIRCTS Project team, including representatives from 22 Group, DE&S and Ascent.

A full agenda, detailing timings and directions will be issued to attendees of the event.

Attendance will be limited to 2 attendees per company, the names of the attendees are to be provided no later than 14.00 on 15th July 2022.

**PQQ**

Following the Industry Day, Ascent will release the PQQ on 27th July to prospective bidders who have confirmed interest.

NOTE: those wishing to receive the PQQ, will have to have complete the Non-Disclosure Agreement at Appendix A prior to 27th July.

**Register Interest**

To register interest for the Industry Day, PQQ or both please provide the following information to FIRCTS@ascentflighttraining.com

* Company Name
* Attendee Names and contact info
* Which Lot you are interested in

A completed Non-Disclosure Agreement (required for PQQ only)