

RCloud Tasking Form – Part A: Task Overview

1. Project Title and Return Deadline

Top Level Budget (TLB)	Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)
Title of Requirement	Autonomy Verification & Validation (V&V) PhDs
Requisition No.	RQ0000014666
Tasking Form Version	1.1
Deadline for Clarification Questions	23/09/2022
Return Deadline	30/09/2022

2. Primary Contact

Name	REDACTED Under FOI Exemption
E-mail Address	REDACTED Under FOI Exemption
Telephone Number	REDACTED Under FOI Exemption

3. Summary of Task Information

Key Dates / Contract Duration	Anticipated Start Date	01/12/2022
	Anticipated End Date	31/12/2025
Highest Security Classification¹	Tasking Form (including supporting documentation)	Official
	Work to be undertaken:	Official
	Deliverables / Outputs:	Official
Pricing Mechanism	Firm	

¹ Further details of security classification and the full requirements can be found at the Gov.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework>.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

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4. Supporting Documentation

Supporting documents	All supporting documentation will be published in the RCloud Portal, unless otherwise stated below.
REDACTED Under FOI Exemption	[See the RCloud Portal]
REDACTED Under FOI Exemption	[Not Applicable]
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ANNEX 1: SPECIAL NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

The contents of the RCloud Tasking Form and subsequent instructions must not be disclosed to unauthorised persons and must be used only for the purposes of responding.

In addition to the R-Cloud Agreement Terms and Conditions and R-Cloud Tasking Form, the following shall also apply:

1. Submission of the proposal

- 1.1 Your proposal should be returned via R-Cloud Portal, ensuring individual documents are uploaded to the coherent area of R-Cloud, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing.
- 1.3 Documents should arrive no later than the date stated at Part A (Section 1). Any responses after this time may not be considered for assessment.
- 1.4 As part of the Tenderers response:
 - Tenderers are required to provide a full breakdown of the prices proposed for the requirement as per the SOR, utilising the rates which are to be used under RCloud .(version 4)
 - The Tenderer must clearly state in the response any Third Party or Company owned background Intellectual Property (IP) that is proposed to be used in undertaking this task.
 - The Authority reserves the right to reject any proposal which includes Background IP, or 3rd party IP in the deliverables where that IP may need to be withheld and therefore limiting the Authorities ability to exploit the deliverables.
 - The Tenderers response must detail the proposed split between Contractor, partners and sub-Contractors (if applicable) in terms of both effort and finance (percentage and value).
 - Technical and commercial proposals must be separated into 2 individual documents, ensuring there are no commercial elements contained within technical responses.

2. Communication and Clarification

- 2.1 All communications including approaches for technical and commercial information and clarification must be made via the Task Primary Contact (as identified at Part A (Section 2)).
- 2.2 Responses to clarification questions will be answered in writing as soon as practicable after receipt.
- 2.3 The Authority may wish to seek, where appropriate, further clarification of the proposal, including technical expertise in the form of a written response, presentation and/or Contractor visit.

3. Evaluation Process

- 3.1 The proposal will be assessed for commercial compliance using the criteria set out in Part B of the Tasking Form.
- 3.2 The proposal will be individually reviewed by a Technical Evaluation Panel using the technical evaluation criteria and marking scheme set out in Annex C to the Tasking Form.

4. Task Timetable

- 4.1 All dates associated with this Task may be subject to change, any changes will be communicated using the notification process in the RCloud Portal.

5. Disclaimer

- 5.1 The placing of any contract will depend upon consideration of the proposal received and the Authority reserves the right, if necessary, not to place any contract as a result of this Task. Any expenses incurred by the bidder during the Tasking Procedure will remain the liability of the bidder.

- 5.2 Whilst every care has been taken to ensure that the data and information contained within this Tasking Form is valid, the Authority does not warrant the accuracy of the information and data contained therein. At any time prior to the deadline for receipt, the Authority may amend the Task documents. Any such amendment will be notified via the RCloud Portal. In order to provide reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing your proposal. The Authority may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for receipt.

ANNEX 2: MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR DELIVERABLES COMPRISING TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The table below sets out the required markings for the front page of all deliverable reports, presentations and other deliverable documents. This is in addition to ending the document with the [report documentation page](#), and other requirements set out in the [defence research report specification](#). For software and data files, the text should be included in a licence.txt file in a top level folder alongside those files.

Please also refer to Schedule 3, Annex A (IPR Terms) of the RCloud Agreement Terms and Conditions.

Markings required for Full Rights version	Markings required for Limited Rights version
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Notes:

1. This must always be the Authority's contract reference.
2. Include name of the rights owner(s), for example: supplier name, sub-contractor name(s) or a combination, as appropriate.
3. If conditions other than the RCloud Agreement Terms and Conditions apply to third party information included in reports subject to the RCloud Agreement Terms and Conditions, then this should be clearly indicated.
4. The MOD always has full rights in Full Rights versions, however in some cases the Tasking Form may indicate that for one or more deliverables, specified other government department(s) (or indeed all of them) also have rights. In this situation, as set out in Schedule 3, Annex A clause 1.2 of

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5. In some cases the Tasking Form may indicate that for one or more deliverables, the Authority requires the right to publish the Full Rights version. In this situation, as set out in Schedule 3, Annex A clauses 12(g) and 18.1 of the RCloud Agreement Terms and Conditions, the Authority has the right to freely share, publish, licence and open source the document or any information within it, subject to acknowledging the supplier's copyright. In most cases, this situation will not apply, and this paragraph should be omitted.