

Prior Information Notice (PIN) for Future Ground Search (FGS) Programme Part 3

Reference: PIN 1-

FTS: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/016365-2024>

CF: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a5324c0e-8d34-48da-bfe5-f6a37e10e33d>

Following the completion of the Industry Day on 15th August 2024 for the FGS Projects 1 (Handheld Metal, Non-Metal Detector) and Project 2 (Handheld Complex Terrain Metal Detector) the Specialist Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search, Exploitation & Countermeasures (SEEC) Delivery Team (DT) would like to invite Industry to attend part 3 of the Early Market Engagement events, the Demonstration Day, as advertised in above mentioned PIN 1.

Suppliers are invited to demonstrate their equipment to provide the Authority further understanding of their capabilities. It will provide an opportunity to offer further information about their company, demonstrate their equipment in a range of training environments, and discuss the overall projects with the SEEC DT. There will also be the opportunity to discuss their capabilities, and further understand requirements for the projects, with members of the user community who will be in attendance.

The event will take place in Bicester, southeast England and be over a two (2) day period, 1st and 2nd October 2024, with Eight (8), 2-hour slots being made available. One (1) slot is available to each supplier, with a maximum three (3) attendees. This event is limited to eight (8) sessions and will be allocated on first come, first serve basis. Suppliers will have the opportunity to present their company and equipment to the delivery team including members of the user community, before moving into a training environment to demonstrate their systems' capabilities. No equipment or targets will be provided by the Authority at the Demonstration Day, these are to be provided by the suppliers.

The event will be classified as Official-Sensitive. There is a requirement for confirmation of extant Security Clearance (BPSS or equivalent as a minimum) to be provided by the supplier for all individuals prior to their attendance at the event.

If you are unable to attend the demonstration event, SEEC DT may visit your establishment if possible. This is subject to availability therefore attendance at the demonstration event is highly encouraged.

The participation in the event is not mandated, all information provided at each Early Market Engagement Stage shall not be used by the Authority to down select or evaluate suppliers. It shall only be used to help inform the development of the requirements and contracting strategy only.

Should your organisation wish to attend the event, please contact the following email address to - DESLESTSP-SEEC-Commercial@mod.gov.uk with your three (3) attendees Full Names and clearance references by **no later than 29th August 2024**. Only upon confirmation of the relevant security clearance by the Authority, will you be fully registered for the event and reserve a slot.

Further information around, directions, environmental terrain and general housekeeping will be provided once registration is confirmed.

In issuing this PIN, The Authority is not committing to commence with any procurement in relation to the requirements stated in this PIN. Accordingly, any expenditure, work or effort undertaken before contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.