**Support to DCDC GST6 - Future of the Domestic & International Legal Environment out to 2050 (Global Strategic Trends 6)**

**STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT**

**Background**

1. The Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC) is the UK Ministry of Defence’s internal think tank. One of the Centre’s roles is to look at how the world might change over the next 30 years, and assess the strategic effects these trends may have. The programme (known as the Strategic Trends Programme) has been running since 2001, and has produced five editions of its flagship publication, Global Strategic Trends. In June 2016 the project to deliver the 6th edition of Global Strategic Trends started. Around 40 topics were selected for investigation and these work-strands are now under way. As part of the development of the “law, justice and ethics” work-strand, DCDC is looking to commission a research paper on: the Future of the Domestic and International Legal Environment out to 2050.

**Aim**

1. Provide a research paper of 20,000 words on the Future of the Domestic and International Legal Environment out to 2050, focused on providing a 30 year trends-based assessment of possible developments and outcomes out to 2050, in support of the Strategic Trends work-strand ‘The Future of Law, Justice and Ethics’.

**Objectives**

1. This study will aim to examine the challenges which domestic and international legal systems will face over the next three decades and explore what these developments might mean for national legal systems and the international legal order as a whole. Its objectives are to:
2. Identify the main trends and principal drivers (both legal and non-legal) in the evolution of the legal environment.
3. Survey and précis any available foresight literature (looking out 10-30+ years) regarding developments in domestic and international legal frameworks.
4. Use data, trends and contemporary research to explore the 30 year outlook for developments in domestic and international legal frameworks, in particular addressing the following topics which are likely to follow on:

* How will domestic legal frameworks evolve out to 2050?
* To what extent will new technologies result in a need for the development of new legal frameworks out to 2050?
* How will international legal frameworks develop out to 2050?
* Will we see the increasing “internationalisation”/”supranationalisation” of law out to 2050? If so, which states will influence the way in which this develops – and what might be the implications?
* Which countries/legal traditions will have the most significant impact on the development of international law looking out to 2050?
* Will the state still be the dominant actor in the international legal system looking out to 2050?
* Any additional topics you identify or that emerge from the work.

1. Enhance our understanding of how legal systems generate and absorb change.
2. Identify key experts and organisations active in this field.
3. Assess the implications that developments in the future legal environment will have for Defence and wider Government.

**Deliverables**

1. **The Contractor shall deliver to the Authority upon completion:**
   1. One hard copy of the final report, in line with the scope described above.
   2. One soft copy of the final report, in line with the scope described above, to be delivered in an editable Word format by email.
   3. Attendance at an informal roundtable meeting between the report authors and representatives of DCDC on the Future of Domestic and International Law out to 2050 – location and date to be agreed as illustrated at Table 1 below – Schedule of Work.
2. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide all necessary briefing packs including production of any MS PowerPoint slides required for this meeting. Numbers attending the meeting will be confirmed to the Contractor at least 2 working days prior to the event.
3. All resultant reports, provided to the Authority in the delivery of this requirement will be subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. Noting that in addition to DEFCON 705, the Contractor will not be permitted to publish the final report as per deliverable 3, in table 1 prior to the official launch of the GST6, expected in summer 2018, without the prior consent of the Authority. The Contractor is to submit, in writing their request for publishing any material, to the Project Manager as identified within the DEFFORM 111 whereupon the Authority shall consider the request.

**Schedule of Work**

1. The Contractor shall provide the serials illustrated at Table 1 with any references contained within the reports using Chicago long hand (full referencing at the footnote of each page). The serials will be delivered and be inclusive of all presentation, preparation, consumables and T&S costs associated with delivery.

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| Serial | Role | When (by no later than) |
| 1 | **Outline Report Plan:**  A short paper summarising the key ideas you will be looking to cover in the research. This should form the outline of the full research report. Suggested length is 1000 words. Agreement on proposed approach to be reached with DCDC Desk Officer before moving further forward. | 15 December 2017 |
| 2 | **Draft research report:**  A draft of the final report for DCDC to review and feedback on before production of the final report. | 18 January 2018 |
| 3 | **Research Report:**  A full research report (suggested length 20,000 words) broken down into the following structure:   * + Abstract and executive summary   + Short précis of foresight material   + Discussion of key and emerging ideas   + Annex A: List of data sources   + Annex B: Bibliography   + Annex C: Key experts and organisations active in this field   + Further annexes as required | 31 January 2018 |
| 4 | **A roundtable meeting on the Future of Domestic and International Law out to 2050:**  This will be an informal roundtable of approximately half a day’s duration between the report authors and representatives from DCDC, to take place at the researcher’s organisation or at DCDC. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the report authors to brief DCDC in the findings of their work, following this up with a discussion of the research and identification of any further lines of inquiry. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide all necessary briefing packs including production of any MS PowerPoint slides required for this meeting. There is no requirement for refreshments or overnight accommodation for the meeting, and attendees will be responsible for their own travel and subsistence costs arising out of their attendance. | Date by mutual agreement but to take place no later than 31 Jan 18. |

**Table 1**

**Key factors**

* **The research must be future focused, rather than a synopsis of the current state.**
* Prioritise research that has been published since 2010. Trend data should extend back as far as records allow.
* The focus should be on trends and effects at the global level, although we would wish the researcher to highlight possible UK implications where applicable.
* Futures forecasts are of particular interest, ideally out to 2050 or further.
* Provide a balanced and fair representation of emerging research.
* Highlight key driving factors wherever possible.
* Explain difficult concepts and complicated ideas.
* Draw from a wide (global) research base, including non-western sources.
* Numerical data sources must be identified and commented upon.
* Contrary ideas, with evidence where possible, should be included.
* Shocks and alternative outcomes and consequences should be included.
* Issues that cross over into other areas should be explored.

**Management of the Project**

The Contractor shall designate a suitable POC whose primary role shall be to deliver this requirement and shall have sufficient authority to direct, execute and control the schedule of work. As the primary POC, they shall coordinate all requirements listed and shall keep the Project Manager advised of all related activities