

## RFI006 MARITIME HEAVY LIFT UAS – Clarification Log

Clarification Question #	Received Date	Questions	Reply Date	Answers
1	07/01/2021	There is a reference to a contract value of £113,000, but it is unclear what this relates to, as the RFI seems to be just requesting respondents share information on their capabilities and projected future capabilities relating to maritime heavy lift UAS. Can you explain the ?	11/01/2021	The £0 - £113,000 value is because we have to put a value on any DCO publication and this is the lowest value on the drop down menu.
2	07/01/2021	How do you anticipate respondents being involved after the RFI responses have been made? Do you expect to have follow on dialogue with any of the respondents to help you develop the RN Autonomy network and the creation of the Future Maritime Aviation Force?	13/01/2021	<p>Information received from respondents will be used to enable the Authority to understand current and near-future capabilities available in the market, helping to define parameters and scenarios for a planned, OCTO led, UAS Heavy Lift Challenge, as announced at the US / UK London Tech Bridge Launch on 10th December 2020.</p> <p>The purpose of the UAS Heavy Lift challenge will be to advance UAS technologies in the Naval domain by enabling participants to rapidly develop and demonstrate the use of innovative autonomous solutions against a set of challenging use case scenarios. The format of, and planned dates for, the UAS Heavy Lift Challenge is currently still to be confirmed. For clarity, responses to this RFI will not be used for any supplier down select nor restrict or influence invitation to, inclusion with or otherwise affect participation within the planned UAS Heavy Lift Challenge.</p> <p>As part of the above there will likely be potential for follow on dialogue with respondents, depending on the nature and breadth of all responses received.</p>
3	07/01/2021	Is there any flexibility on the date responses can be submitted?	11/01/2021	<p>In regard to the deadline, it is not a legally binding deadline as it would be for an Invitation to Tender, however the team have put in that deadline because they intend to sit down and discuss the way forward straight after that date.</p> <p>My suggestion is that we would welcome a submission prior to the deadline, this submission will influence the decision process, if you wish to submit</p>

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				<p>anything after please send it to me as it will be of interest but it may be too late to influence the initial decisions.</p> <p>As this is only an initial RFI the team are not expecting a grand detailed proposal, they are just looking to explore the art of the possible. A couple of pages would be more than enough. Not submitting anything at this stage will in no way preclude you from inclusion in any future development.</p>
4	11/01/2021	Are we assuming this correctly in that you are seeking only whole-system solutions? In other words, are you only seeking complete heavy-lift airframes within the construct of your set-about requirements?	11/01/2021	The RFI is complete airframe related, however we would nonetheless be interested in receiving a response to help ensure we are aware of developments within the sector.