

RFI0016
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PROVISION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR NavyX

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1. Introduction

This RFI is not a bidding opportunity but a means by which industry can provide information. Any resulting procurement activity will be conducted competitively.

Please note:

This RFI is an information gathering exercise, no further discussions with industry are planned at this stage however any future procurement activity will be advertised in line with public procurement regulations on the Defence Sourcing Portal and Contracts Finder.

2. Background

NavyX is one of several accelerators within a Technology and Innovation ecosystem and part of the Navy Command DEVELOP function which manages the Royal Navy's future capability requirements. Covering scouting, research and ideation through to solution engineering and scaling in an accelerated environment, NavyX delivers new and disruptive capabilities to maintain military advantage.

One of our challenges is to identify the specific problems that must be solved, the answers to which are hidden in legacy verbal or text reporting processes.

3. RFI intended outcomes

This RFI aims to achieve 2 outcomes:

- 1) Identify available AI capabilities such as Natural Language Processing to capture and analyse mass text and speech.
- 2) Obtain a brief, written overview of how the capability could be applied to the identification of lessons, common themes and trends as well as the analysis of problems.

4. RFI Procedure

Responses to this RFI will be reviewed by subject matter experts from different functional areas within Navy Command Headquarters.

If upon review of your submission any clarifications or additional information is required, you will be contacted using the details provided in your RFI response.

Any details provided in response to this RFI will be used for information purposes only and will not be used to determine the potential Suppliers who will be invited to bid, should the Authority proceed to tender.

The results and analysis of this RFI shall not constitute any form of pre-qualification exercise.

Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law.

Nothing in this RFI, or any other engagements with Industry prior to a formal procurement process, shall be construed as a representation as to the Authority's ultimate decision in relation to the future requirement.

5. How to submit responses to this RFI

Respondents should provide responses in accordance with the format provided in **Annex A** quoting the RFI reference on all documentation and emails.

Please do not submit additional documents such as company overviews, the purpose of the RFI is to collect information related to the technical solution, any additional documents will not be included in the review process.

Any responses received after the deadline will be passed to the subject matter experts for information, however they may not be included in the RFI review meetings which are to be held immediately following the deadline.

Once completed, please return electronically to the e-mail address(es) shown below in **section 9**, no later than **12:00, Friday 29th October 2021**.

Responses will be acknowledged electronically by return e-mail.

6. Confidentiality & Proprietary Information

No information included in your response, or in discussions connected to it, will be disclosed to any other third party.

Proprietary information, where included, should be kept to minimum and must be clearly marked.

For the purposes of this RFI, any documentation submitted should be classification OFFICIAL.

7. Costs of preparing your RFI response

Any costs relating to the preparation and submission of a response to this RFI are the sole responsibility of the respondent.

8. Contact

Quoting the RFI reference, please submit

- i) any requests for clarification
- ii) all responses to this RFI and
- iii) any questions regarding Classification of document(s) intended for submission, to:

NAVYCOMRCL-RFI@mod.gov.uk

9. Annex A

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Question	Answer
Company Name	
Company Address	
Is the company a Small - Medium Enterprise (less than 250 employees)?	
Name of Company representative completing the RFI	
Contact details (e-mail and telephone number)	
Company web site address	
Main products/services/line of business	
Main market sector	
Number of years in this market sector	
<u>QUESTIONS</u>	
1. What is the best technical solution currently available?	

2. What technical solution might be available in 12 months?

3. What technical solution may be available in 5 years?

Innovative solutions are most welcome, even if they do not meet all of the requirements above, we would welcome the opportunity to consider the positives and negatives.