**Surveillance and Counter Surveillance Training**

**Supplier Q & A Document**

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The following questions have been raised by suppliers in relation to the Request for Information. The responses have been provided by DVSA to help suppliers provide a more informed response to the Supplier Questionnaire in the Request for Information.

Q.1. Would it be feasible for surveillance to be taught in a practical environment with students assessed in that environment and if so, are students provided with and insured on DVSA vehicles?

A.1. Although preferable to undertake the theory via remote training, it is accepted that some practical may be required. The staff requiring the training would be using pool cars and hire cars for DSVA use.

Q.2 Would you like a pass/fail considered for both surveillance and counter surveillance elements separately or as one skill set?

A.2. The staff are existing surveillance/investigation staff. It will be preferred if they are assessed separately.

Q.3 Will your students be provided with covert communications and PPE to attend the course?

A.3 All PPE can be provided. If items are listed by the supplier, DVSA will ensure the provision of the PPE. In terms of comms equipment, again a list of acceptable equipment provided will ensure the DVSA are able to provide suitable kit, if required.

Q.4 In order to minimise disruption to your students day job what is the minimum time they can be released from their core duties in order to complete the course?

A.4 The time away will depend on the course content and make up. The time away is not as critical as the depth of training.

Q.5 What standard do you require the students to attain? (ie: what standard of criminal will they be working against).  Will all students be attending the course without any prior surveillance experience?

A.5 Our staff will mainly be involved in covert surveillance on premises and even then the main tactic will be to leave set up to observe for set periods. It is highly unlikely that our staff will remain on any site for any length of time.

Q.6 Current level of surveillance knowledge/experience of the individuals to be trained?

A.6 All staff barring a few have either very limited knowledge/experience or none at all.

Q.7 Confirmation the requirement is for both foot and mobile surveillance training?

A.7 We require static camera training at the moment however foot and mobile may be a future requirement.

Q.8 Clarification on the equipment the team will use operationally. There is a wide range of surveillance communication equipment available and preferred approach would be to use the actual equipment they will use operationally or, second best, the same make and model of equipment.

A.8 There are a number of devices in use however due to this being sensitive information, we are not able to disclose this information at this stage. The list will be available to the successful supplier of the future tendering opportunity.

Q.9 Clarification of the teams use of Counter Surveillance as we have found this varies from organisation to organisation and in different parts of the world.  Is it team based Surveillance detection in which a target (Handler or CHIS) follows a set route during which the team are able to observe activity around the target or is it Anti Surveillance in which the Handler walks a determined route using techniques to identify if they are under surveillance?  Or both?

A.9 None of the above because our policy dictates that only Intelligence Officers are permitted to use any of these especially acting as a CHIS. We are primarily looking to use static surveillance with some option of mobile use too. Certainly not foot patrol at this stage, if ever.