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ROYAL NAVY INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT: NAVAL STRIKE NETWORK WEBINAR - 11 JUL 23

Introduction. The Royal Navy will host a Naval Strike Network (NSN) programme webinar on Tue 11 Jul 23, between 13:00 and 16:00. The webinar will provide an opportunity to brief industry partners on the current NSN vision and roadmap, answer questions and provide an update on the release of the 'NSN Ready' initial standards baseline (v. 23.1).

NSN Overview. The NSN programme will take an architectural and standards-based approach to the provision of future capabilities to enable the efficient transfer and exploitation of data that will be critical to decision support, Command and Control (C2), battlespace management, information exploitation and targeting of effects in the maritime domain¹. The primary deliverable will be the establishment of the NSN Design Authority (DA) to provide architectural coherence, and manage the formalisation, description, assurance, delivery, and evolution of the 'NSN Ready' standards to inform the development of other maritime programmes. The NSN programme will also deliver a 'digital laboratory' to facilitate the DA's ability to develop the NSN Ready rule set through the testing of technologies and standards. Finally, where appropriate, feasible, and affordable, the programme may fund delivery of specific C5ISR solutions and enabling capabilities to augment existing C2 systems, bearers, networks, or infrastructure.

Aim of Webinar. The aim is to provide an opportunity to deliver a 'levelling' brief to all interested parties on the subsequent progress of the NSN programme since the initial Industry Day conducted on 11 Jul 22, ensuring a common understanding of the programme's intent, likely deliverables, and potential areas for industry engagement in the future. It is anticipated that this will be followed by further engagement events as the NSN programme matures.

Attendance & Registration. There will be no charge for attendance at the webinar and capacity is not limited. All information shared and discussion will be at the official level only, and there are no nationality requirements for the event. Registration will close at midday Fri 30 Jun 23 and can be completed <u>via this form</u>.

Additional detailed information and joining instructions will be sent out to applicants by 6 Jul 23. The form does not provide an automated confirmation, please assume your application has been received unless you do not hear from us close of play on July 6th. For any queries please contact <u>NAVYCOMRCL-MEPG@mod.gov.uk</u>.

Caveats. For the avoidance of doubt, this is an information/networking opportunity only. Neither the presentation nor discussions constitute any form of pre-qualification exercise. Any formal procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Procurement Law. Nothing in the event 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 any future requirement.

¹ As detailed in the Maritime Operating Concept.