

#### Clarification Question Set No. 4

Q14 - The “Provision of land-based maritime airborne Search and Rescue (SAR) service for Maritime Counter Terrorism (MCT) Force Generation training” is currently stated as being “under-consideration for inclusion within the future FHSU contract”. At what stage in the process can we expect this to be decided, and if confirmed, would the expectation be for operational delivery of SAR capabilities to commence in alignment with the FOC target date of 31-Mar-2025, or a later date?

A14 - The “Provision of land-based maritime airborne Search and Rescue (SAR) service for Maritime Counter Terrorism (MCT) Force Generation training” will be decided by Outline Business Case (OBC) which is planned for August 22. This is a decision that needs to be made by FLC with regards to funding availability for this extra requirement. If confirmed at this stage then SAR capability should commence in line with FOC target date

Q15 - RA 2501 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme states that “Organizations seeking new approvals need to be aware that the timeline from application to approval is likely to be in the region of 9 to 12 months. Early dialogue with the MAA is encouraged;” It also states “however, organizations need to note that formal engagement cannot be initiated until appropriate endorsement of MOD / National interest is in place.” With the only 6 months between contract award and the IOC date, is there a way in which bidders can be provisionally supported/endorsed to make progress on the CFAOS approvals process prior to the contract award, improving the likelihood of delivery to the IOC date?

A15 - Interested parties should note that the Military Aviation Authority are unable to provide any significant effort in helping organisations achieve CFAOS accreditation ahead of sponsor endorsement. Sponsor endorsement is not likely to occur in advance of a contract award decision to which the work relates. The current estimated time to accomplish CFAOS accreditation is 9-12 months and, given this fact, non-CFAOS organisations would not have sufficient time to become accredited between contract award and IOC under current plans for the FHSU.