

# **GB-Corsham: Contracting, Purchasing, and Finance Supplier Hub Replacement**

MOD Request For Information

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## 1. Contract Title

Title attributed to the request by the Contracting Authority: GB-Corsham: Contracting, Purchasing, and Finance Supplier Hub Replacement

## 2. Contracting Authority:

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## 3. Object of the Request for Information:

Contracting Authority's file Reference number: ISSASDT/0053

Weblink to where further documentation can be obtained: [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)

Short description of requirement: Electronic message services. The Authority has a potential requirement to procure a replacement for the current Contract Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) Supplier Hub which is an integral part of the existing CP&F system which was successfully implemented in November 2016.

CPV codes :

64216100 - Electronic message services.

Time-limit: 06/11/2017 12:00 Information Requested: The Authority has a potential requirement to procure a replacement for the current Contract Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) Supplier Hub which is an integral part of the existing CP&F system which was successfully implemented in November 2016.

This Service provides the cloud-based interface between the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and its Supplier Base for supply chain management collaboration, enterprise collaboration, and risk management solutions.

It provides the capability to on-board and manage suppliers, to receive and route all inbound electronic transactions and messaging relating to ordering sent to it by CP&F to the suppliers.

It provides a supplier user front-end to enable them to manage the orders, generate and transmit, outbound to CP&F, messages and transactions relating to advance shipping notices, receipts, and invoices.

These messages and transactions then route back by the service into the Ministry's CP&F system. Following an appropriate level of matching, CP&F then pays the suppliers via BACS.

Defence Acquisition activities are worth in excess of £21Bn per annum and can be generate in multiple currencies including GBP, EUR, and USD etc. along with the appropriate level of Value Added Tax (VAT).

The following indicative volumetric information is provided:

Extant Contracts: 6,900 +  
Active Suppliers: 2,500 + including both UK and overseas  
Orders: circa 68,500 per month  
Receipts/Invoices/ASNs: circa 166,000 per month

These levels may be subject to increase over time with additional transactions and suppliers and an indication of scalability in percentages should be articulated in the response.

Interoperability with current MOD systems will need to be maintained for the solution proposed. Compatibility with Oracle R12 MOD System is mandatory.

The Advance Shipment Notice is an essential feature that enables CP&F to automatically advise the Ministry's Supply Chain Systems of receipts due in to the three Services' warehouses.

It must take over from the existing Supplier Hub service with minimal disruption and continue to deliver a seamless service between the Ministry of Defence and its Suppliers.

The replacement must be capable of configuring a range of existing messaging services, potential changes including updates, and the creation of new messaging to align with the CP&F interface.

Any solution would need to meet MOD security and accreditation requirements.

The solution viability will be base-lined against the User and System Requirements documents and will include but not be limited to questions on: volumetrics, migration and integration strategy, service delivery, resilience, disaster recover, operability with other systems, deployability, scalability, user training and support strategy, sustainability and supportability.

The replacement would need to be fully integrated and operational by no later than March 2019. The URD and SRD is available upon request.

Please respond by email to the contact point above. Your response should answer the questions articulated below:

1. Whether you currently have a solution that would address this requirement, together with any support evidence of the solution in live use i.e. volumetric, loading, SLAs etc.
2. An outline of the Supplier migration and solution integration strategy that would be employed should be articulated in your response.
3. The process and anticipated timings for on-boarding suppliers, together with detail of any support arrangement for both the supplier and MoD.

4. An indication of any additional benefits/opportunities afforded by your solution.
5. Are there any other issues or risks that you feel should be brought to our attention.
6. If a solution does not currently exist an estimate of how long it would take to develop, integrate and migrate the solution.

Responding to this RFI does not start the official procurement process for the Ministry of Defence Contracting, Purchasing, and Finance Supplier Hub Replacement and your participation in this RFI does not guarantee your inclusion in a future procurement exercise. It should be noted that all information released as part of this RFI is being released on a without commitment basis, is subject to change and may not form part of any future procurement process.

Your response to this RFI should consist of a written brief in soft copy in Adobe PDF or MS Word format. In order to keep the response size manageable you are requested to limit your response to no more than two pages per question; you may wish to add extra pages for diagrams, tables, etc. to support your response. You are welcome to provide additional supporting information (brochure material, presentation packs etc.)

Your response to this RFI is requested by no later than 12:00PM on Monday 6 November 2017.