**PMOD Request for Information  
  
GB-Bristol:**

**1. Contract Title:**

Provision of Tailgate Exit Trainer    
**2. Contracting Authority:**

Ministry of Defence, Air Support OC, Flight Simulators and Synthetic Trainers

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 **3. Object of the Request for Information:**

To gather industry views on the scope to deliver Social Value within the possible future Tailgate Exit Trainer Project.

**Contracting Authority's file Reference number:**

701576408

**Short description of requirement:**

This requirement is for the provision of equipment to enable Tailgate Exit Training (TET) for parachutists that will simulate the outside aircraft environment in terms of the airflow directly experienced by parachutists during exit drill and decent and some associated repair and maintenance services. The output of this requirement is to allow parachutists to safely train in executing a tailgate exit in simulated conditions. This includes being able to adopt the correct body position and experience the airflow effect felt by a parachutist in real world conditions. The goal of this requirement is to deliver a solution which means the first time a parachutist experiences the environmental effect on their body, is not when jumping from an aircraft.

**Brief Background:**  
  
This work is being delivered through the Flight Simulators and Synthetic Trainers Team within Defence Equipment & Support.  
  
In accordance with the UK Government Social Value Model, the Authority are committed to delivering additional social, economic, and/or environmental benefits through procurement within Defence. As part of delivering Social Value within the Tailgate Exit Trainer activity, the Authority has recognised that early market engagement is essential to investigate ways in which industry have captured this previously. By exploring lessons learned by industry and gaining this knowledge, the Authority can move forward with this Social Value initiative. One to one discussion with the Authority will also be key to sharing this knowledge, having open dialogue on how best to encompass Social Value aspects within future contracts.

**The Authority is requesting information on the following topics:**

The sharing of previous experience and information in delivering against the Social Value themes is required to better understand how Social Value can be applied to the Tailgate Exit Trainer Project. The Authority is seeking information from industry regarding previous examples on how industry have encapsulated Social Value approaches on previous projects. The Authority is also seeking to understand how industry would apply the outlined Social Value themes to this Project in accordance with the Social Value Model, particularly the three defence key themes of Fighting Climate Change, Tackling Economic Equality and Equal Opportunity.

**Table 1 – Social Value Themes**

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| Themes | | Policy Outcomes |
| Theme 1 | COVID-19 Recovery | Help local communities to manage and recover from the impact of COVID-19 |
| Theme 2  (Key Defence Theme) | Tackling Economic Inequality | Create new businesses, new jobs and new skills |
| Increase supply chain resilience and capacity |
| Theme 3  (Key Defence Theme) | Fighting Climate Change | Effective stewardship of the environment |
| Theme 4  (Key Defence Theme) | Equal Opportunity | Reduce the disability employment gap |
| Tackle workforce inequality |
| Theme 5 | Wellbeing | Improve health and wellbeing  Improve community cohesion |

**CPV codes: (Please Note these codes may not be exhaustive)**

34152000-7 Training simulators

34740000-6 Aircraft or spacecraft equipment, trainers, simulators and associated parts

50210000-0 Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft and other equipment

80650000-5 Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts **Time-limit:**6 weeks from date of publication of this Notice.

**Information Requested:**The Authority is requesting information from industry on how they have delivered Social Value on any previous projects that could be linked to the five themes identified in the Social Value Model, along with innovative solutions that have been delivered to successfully capture this.

Please note that this is a Request for Information (RfI) only. This request is not a commitment by the Authority to launch a formal procurement process and the requirement, described herein, is subject to change. The objective of this RfI is to explore the subject of Social Value and the approach Industry may take in relation to the requirement.

Information shared at RfI stage may be shared at the Invitation to Tender (ITT) or the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) stage of the procurement, if an ITT or ITN is pursued by the Authority. Information may be shared in relation to how the Requirement was prepared and developed. However, information resulting from any RfI marked 'Commercially Sensitive' by the respondent, will not be shared outside of the Authority. The Authority shall reserve the right to reject submissions marked as 'Commercially Sensitive'.

**Based on the information above, there are key questions the Authority would like information and feedback on:**

1. Are you familiar with the Social Value Act and the accompanying Social Value Model?
2. What key projects have you delivered that included Social Value responses relevant to the Social Value Model?

2.a. If so, what innovation across any of the five Social Value themes did you deliver? Please draw from your experiences of this when responding to Q3-6.

2.b. If not, do you have any ideas on how you would deliver a project in an innovative way that could be linked to the Social Value themes? Please respond to Q3-6 on how you would deliver in the future if you have no previous experience in delivering Social Value.

1. How did you/would you ensure that delivering a Social Value aspect didn’t affect the project timeline in an adverse manner?
2. How were/would the themes/innovation realised and what engagement with other stakeholders was needed to deliver them?
3. How did/would you measure your Social Value output to clearly evidence that the objectives/outputs had been met?
4. Would you be open to a virtual one to one discussion in future to discuss the application of Social Value and share your knowledge, along with any additional ideas you may have, but not implemented yet?

Further information on Social Value and the Social Value Model can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0620-taking-account-of-social-value-in-the-award-of-central-government-contracts>

**Any clarifications or responses should be sent via email to: thomas.macklin100@mod.gov.uk**

**Responses should be limited to 4 pages of A4 in pt11 Arial font, and be sent/submitted by 1700hrs Friday 24th September 2021.**