

## **Mine Hunting Capability Block 2 – DSP Note**

Following the MHC Industry Symposium held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, further details concerning the MHC Programme have been published as part of the [MOD Acquisition Pipeline](#).

The November Acquisition Pipeline update sets out a number of entries relating to MHC's Block 2 programme of activity and are an aggregation of a series of requirements. Whilst some of these requirements will be met using existing contractual arrangements, the rest will be met through the placement of new contracts, including for the acquisition of a new variant of Remote Command Centre for Block 2 and a synthetic system level training facility.

Subject to a Full Business Case approval in 2026, there is significantly more funding allocated for the acquisition of mission system equipment which will be published in future iterations of the Acquisition Pipeline. As set out in the industry symposium, the intention is to compete where practicable and to make use of competitive evaluations to assist in the down-selection process. Furthermore, in order to support a growing volume of wider UK requirements for maritime autonomous systems, it is also anticipated that one or more commercial frameworks will be developed as part of the preparation for the delivery of the Full Business Case.

More details on these developments and the wider plan for MHC Block 2 will be shared in the Spring of 2024. Interested parties should ensure they are registered on the Defence Sourcing Portal.

All follow-up queries should in the first instance be addressed to the MHC Commercial team via the DES Ships Acq-IFC-MHC-Comrcl (Multiuser) email address and **not** to individual team members in either DE&S or NCHQ.