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**Pre-market engagement**

**Joint Maritime Security Centre (JMSC)**

**Joint Maritime Exercise - Requirement for a Utility Helicopter**

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1. **Background**
2. The [Joint Maritime Security Centre](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fgroups%2Fjoint-maritime-security-centre&data=05%7C01%7CCory.Bateman%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7C212acd7bdcb94563550f08da7b7cba6b%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C0%7C637958072883151553%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sY%2BKL8V01aMqQWVH2hGe%2FWyJAXIMMwCAgISYE6VN21U%3D&reserved=0) (JMSC) is hosting a cross government exercise which is being held in the exercise areas off Portland, UK. The date and time of the exercise will be **08:00Z**, **15th Nov 2022** to **18:00Z**, **17th Nov 2022** (3 days). This will exercise an important capability in support of training for law enforcement operations at sea.
3. JMSC is seeking the provision of a rotary wing aircraft inclusive with crew to move government equipment and personnel to vessels underway at sea, undertake winching and winch recovery of staff to the vessels to enable training and familiarisation with such operations.  JMSC staff and stakeholders involved in the winching will be UK law enforcement officers or similar roles from multiple UK agencies.
4. The JMSC is seeking 10 hours operational flying and the provision of any Survival Equipment (SE) necessary for the personnel involved in the underslung load lifting and winching training during the exercise in Nov 2022. The flying will take place on day two (2) and day three (3) of the exercise.
5. **Capability Assessment**

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| **Capability** | **Supplier Response** |
| * 1. JMSC would like this Helicopter in service 16-17 Nov 2022 for a daylight exercise at sea.   **Can you confirm this is achievable?** |  |
| * 1. Helicopter to be based within **25 miles** of Portland during the exercise to reduce travel time and costs.   **Please state your location you will utilise to fulfil this.** |  |
| * 1. JMSC are looking a Helicopter which is Helicopter fitted with (i) Semi-Automatic Cargo Release Unit (SACRU) rated to 2722kg and (ii) a hoist. Helicopter is to come inclusive of all SACRU lifting equipment for lifting the underslung loads, this should include: e.g Cargo nets Straps etc.   **Can you confirm this is achievable?** |  |
| * 1. Supplier will provide representative training to all required personnel involved in the exercise.   **Can you confirm this is achievable?** |  |
| * 1. Helicopter to come inclusive of crew qualified to standard to fly the aircraft and operate all capabilities listed.   **Can you confirm this is achievable?** |  |