**Counter Explosives & Demolitions Defence Engagement Office**

**Early Supplier Engagement**

The MOD intends to increase support via an external supply chain to international partners facing the threat from explosive ordnance. This includes improvised explosive devices (IEDs), mines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and conventional munitions (CM). The intent is to generate options for delivery (equipment, services and training) that combine military, police and external supply chain resources via a framework agreement. This initiative aligns well to the National Security Strategy objectives; Protect our People, Project our Global Influence and Promote our Prosperity.

MOD would like to invite potential Suppliers (including SME’s) who can provide Counter Explosive and Demolitions equipment, services and training to a market engagement event to discuss the opportunity. The event will be held at the FCO, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH on the 22nd March 2019 at 12:30pm.

Should your organisation wish to attend the event please email: tender.request@fco.gov.uk with the following details by COP 20th March 2019.

* Organisation Name:
* Names of Representative(s) attending (2 Max):

The event will open with a presentation to outline the service provision and talk through the upcoming tender opportunity. This will last no more than one hour minutes. Following this presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the opportunity only.

The invitation to tender is expected to be issued by the 15th March 2019