

Date received	Ref. No.	Originator (Supplier sending clarification or DgC sending to a supplier?)	Document Query Relates To (inc. paragraph number if relevant)	Clarification Question (CQ)8888888	Response Due	Response Issued/Received	Issued to whom? (if CQ from supplier is the question deemed confidential or response issued to all suppliers?)
27-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	Please could you confirm whether vendors are required to respond to the RFI in order to be considered at the RFP stage or will there be the opportunity to join the procurement at RFP stage?	29/05/2025	The RFI is being used to provide suggestions around the requirements and the proposed route to market. Responding to this will not be a blocker to a Supplier being considered at the ITT phase. However, it should be noted that Suppliers will need to apply to the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to be considered. The process for consideration may include the Commercial and Delivery Lead applying filters on the full list of suppliers to refine the list to in-scope suppliers only. At this point, a capability assessment might be run to further refine the list of in-scope suppliers. More information will provided in due course and can be found on the CCS	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	In your presentation deck (slide 12) and also referenced in your RFI document, your 'Expectations & Experience' specifically state: •Demonstrable significant experience of delivering Geospatial Data products within UK government or regulated service •Applying Geospatial standards (incl. Q-FAIR) (as described on UK Geospatial Data Standards Register) within a UK public sector body or bodies, include evidence of change in outcomes because of application Is this a requirement absolute and without this, bidders would not be given consideration?	29/05/2025	Slide 12 is an outline of what we believe to be the expertise and knowledge base needed to fulfil this programme of work, it is not absolute.	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	If available, please could we request a log of the clarification questions raised so far about this opportunity?	28/05/2025	Please see this log as the Clarification Questions log for the Geospatial Enabling Programme Delivery Partner Request for Information	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	We have also seen the deadline for asking questions is today at 5:00 p.m, please could we confirm just that is correct if possible?	28/05/2025	This is correct, Clarification Questions are due 28th May 2025 at 1700hrs . These will be responded to as quickly as possible.	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	Can you clarify if Defra allows participation of nearshore (EU-based) consultants? We would like to offer a blended/hybrid model, and any stakeholder-facing roles can be accommodated by our onshore experts if preferred. Is Security Clearance a must? What is the requirement for this?	29/05/2025	Defra does allow EU based consultants (subject to security reviews). However there is a requirement for full team face to face meetings in a central location, potentially Crewe, which are mandatory.	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	In the Scope of Service question v, does the authority mean 'exiting' as currently stated, or 'existing'?	30/05/2025	Please note that this should read exiting, not existing	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	In the Commercial question iv, do you mean 'contract' or 'contact,' as currently stated?	30/05/2025	Please note that this is an error and should read contract, not contact	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	Could you confirm whether the base map product is intended to be a composite product or a collection of discrete layers?	30/05/2025	The nature of the base map product has yet to be determined as a result of the analysis that will be undertaken in Alpha.	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	What is the anticipated platform for the solution? If cloud-based, is there a preference for AWS or Microsoft Azure?	30/05/2025	There is no current anticipated platform preferred solution. However which ever solution is designed, it will need to comply with DDTS standards, policy and technology strategy. Therefore working closely with DDTS colleagues and understading the current infrastructure will be a key	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	Is there an indicative budget range available for the next phase of the programme?	30/05/2025	Please note that the budget cannot be confirmed at this stage, more detail may be provided in due course	Response to all suppliers
28-May-25	RFI	Supplier	RFI	Will the data be expected to be consumed primarily via APIs as a service, or will it be delivered through a standalone application?	30/05/2025	The Alpha analysis will ideally identify the optimal consumption model	Response to all suppliers
						Please ensure when completing the RFI, you respond to the questions in the document.	

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