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UAS CDC Open Supplier Register

Description

The Open Supplier Register (OSR) has been established by the UAS CDC to support rapid identification of potential suppliers, accelerated engagement and is the primary route for tendering opportunities with the UAS CDC. The UAS CDC is keen to ensure that all potential suppliers are aware and afforded the opportunity to register. Whether your organisation is a prime or an SME, to improve your chances of contracting with the UAS CDC for UAS related activities, the UK MOD encourages you to submit the details of your capabilities in this domain (details below).

Open Supplier Register (OSR)

This notice seeks to build on current market awareness of the UAS CDC and the OSR, identify organisations from a broad cross-section of potential suppliers, at this stage on a non-committal basis, in order to understand the UAS capabilities that may be available in the market place. The established UAS CDC Open Supplier Register will be utilised to form tender lists for future UAS CDC tasking opportunities that may arise going forward.

Experience in emergent or applicable technologies is now being sought within the UAS sector for the following capabilities areas. This list is not exhaustive and if your organisation has any technology, product, service or capability applicable to the UAS context then the UAS CDC would like to hear from you.

- Test & Evaluation
- Analysis and Decision Support
- Training
- Safety & Environmental Management

- Airworthiness
- UAS Operating Capability
- UAS and sub-system specialist capability
- UAS Products or Services
- Human Factors
- Engineering

OSR Online Launch 20 March 2014

An online version of the Open Supplier Register is now available to support the registration process. Suppliers who have previously submitted their details via the downloadable Qualification Questionnaire will be automatically uploaded on to the online version and log-in details will be provided to those suppliers during April 2014.

Suppliers interested in advising their UAS capabilities should now seek to register via the online process and which is accessible through the UAS CDC website as follows:

<http://www.uascdc.com/industry/Pages/OpenSupplierRegister.aspx>).

Registration is free and Suppliers are encouraged to submit their details for consideration by the UAS CDC. The UAS CDC will perform an initial assessment of a supplier's response and declared capabilities and may seek further evidence of capabilities as appropriate.

Please note, registration is not a guarantee of future contract award, however, it will support appropriate recognition within the Defence UAS community of your organisation's potential ability to support emergent requirements.

Future Opportunities (without commitment)

The UAS CDC is stepping up its engagement with Industry and as such is planning to host a number of Industry Days for OSR-registered suppliers. Current working titles for Industry Days are:

1. UAS Operators – “Developing Novel UAS tactics and doctrine”
2. Academia – “The Defence UAS CDC – what’s in it for Academia”
3. Various – “Technology Watch/Update”

If you would like to find out more about UAS CDC Industry Days, you are encouraged to submit your details via the Open Supplier Register as soon as possible and await further details as they are announced.

What is the UAS CDC?

The UAS CDC is a MOD capability providing an innovative service delivery approach, which:

- Aims to be the first port of call for all MOD queries relating to the Test & Evaluation of UAS based capability.
- Fosters collaborative behaviours and partnering principles.
- Encourages broad participation (MOD, Other Government Departments, Industry, SMEs, Academia, and international collaboration).
- Develops the best solution from the most appropriate resources to deliver enhanced capability with expedience and subsequent knowledge management and sharing.