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Evaluating Countering Small Unmanned Air Systems - UK MOD Industry Day

Introduction

The UK MOD has been considering the threat posed by small unmanned air systems (sUAS) – or drones – with a view to developing an improved understanding of the options for countering any described threat. To this end, the UK MOD intends to establish a routine ability to evaluate counter-sUAS (C-sUAS) technologies. Furthermore, the option to employ evaluated C-sUAS technologies in an expedient manner is also being developed through a new rapid procurement model.

Statement of Intent

On behalf of the UK MOD, the Defence UAS Capability Development Centre (UAS CDC) has been tasked to design, prototype and deliver an integration and testing facility to support the required evaluation of C-sUAS technologies. Once accepted, the integration and testing facility shall be employed as the primary route for MOD to evaluate C-sUAS technologies.

Engaging Industry

To provide an overview of this programme of work and the associated time lines, constraints and future plans, the UAS CDC is staging an Industry Day to both brief to, and speak with, Industry representation.

In the first instance, the UK MOD wishes to engage with any industry suppliers, small or large, UK or international, with total turnkey solutions or components of a system (sensors, effectors, C2/Fusion, etc.) considered to be at High Technology Readiness Level (TRL) i.e. solutions that are ready to be deployed on military operations and have evidence of being a mature, certified product.

Lower TRL solutions remain of interest however and UK MOD is keen to hear about respective plans to mature C-sUAS technologies and when they too may be available for evaluation.

Industry Day Objectives

The UAS CDC will host this initial engagement with a view to inform Industry of the agreed MOD strategy for C-sUAS technology assessment and employment. Objectives of the day will include, but not be limited to:

- Stakeholders and Sponsors;
- The approach to C-sUAS technology Evaluation;
- C-sUAS technology priority areas;
- Programme time lines;
- Evaluation outcomes and actions;
- The Commercial Model for Rapid Procurement.

Industry Day Schedule

Venue: No.4 Hamilton Place, London (Royal Aeronautical Society)

Date: Monday, 20th May 2019

Timings: 1130-1630hrs

Activity: Networking lunch to commence, followed by UAS CDC presentations, Q&A and subsequent further stakeholder/attendee networking.

Response Required

You have been identified as a supplier of interest to the UK MOD and, as such, are encouraged to respond to this notice with an indication of your ability to attend the Industry Day.

Please note: due to restriction on numbers at the venue, places may be limited.