<u>Defence Infrastructure Organisation</u> <u>sets out future spending with launch</u> <u>of Procurement Pipeline</u>

News story

DIO spends around £3-billion each year buying infrastructure services in the UK and overseas to support the UK Armed Forces.



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The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has today (5 October 2020) launched its Procurement Pipeline.

The Procurement Pipeline complements the previously published DIO Commercial Strategy and informs existing and potential suppliers of what DIO plans to buy on behalf of its customers.

The publication of the pipeline supports DIO's commercial principles of being easier to do business with and building a broader and more diverse supplier base, including small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The pipeline will be updated each quarter to provide the supply chain with greater visibility, enabling them to better plan their activities and offering reassurance of future work packages during potentially challenging times for industry.

DIO is passionate about the work it does to support the men and women of defence. Its suppliers are at the forefront of what it does in the construction and infrastructure markets, and DIO's ambition is to work seamlessly with its supply chain to be more efficient and more productive.

Minister for Defence Procurement, Jeremy Quin, said:

We are committed to being a good commercial partner. Our defence

estate is a critical element in our delivery to our people and defence tasks. We hope a transparent pipeline helps all suppliers identify how and where we can work together.

Nick Wilkinson, DIO's Commercial Director, said:

I am pleased to share DIO's Procurement Pipeline with current and potential suppliers.

It is extremely important both for us in DIO and our current and future suppliers that we share as much of our upcoming work as possible.

We know the importance of having time to adequately plan strategic alignment, bidding resources and working resources against work packages suppliers are interested in.

This is equally in important for DIO as it helps us to think further ahead in our planning and gives a wide range of high capability suppliers from SMEs to large organisations the ability to bid.

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