

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDUSTRY TOOLS – MODELLING COMPLEX WARFIGHTING *Frequently Asked Questions*

Who can submit Expressions of Interest?

Expressions of Interest are sought from individuals and teams from the industry sector and research agencies with an ABN and physical presence in Australia.

I responded to the first call out in November 2018, can I submit another proposal?

Yes, if you have a new tool that you would like to submit for consideration. Previous tool submissions will not be re-assessed.

Are there any limits on the number of submissions I can make?

No. Organisations can submit briefs on any relevant tools they have developed. The tools should be ready for use and not requiring further development prior to the demonstration event.

Do I need to have prior DST endorsement or an identified DST collaborator for my submission?

No. DST is particularly interested in identifying new tools available from external sources.

How long should the Expression of Interest submission be?

Expressions of Interest should be no more than 2 pages.

- Approximately one page describing the technical function of your tool, relevance to the MCW research program, and any current users of the product.
- Optional one page of images.

Are there any restrictions on having overseas companies participate in the EOI?

Submitters should have an ABN and physical presence in Australia.

Are there any security restrictions I should be aware of?

The Expression of Interest is an unclassified call and the demonstration will be an unclassified event, so there are no security restrictions associated with participating in the demonstration. However, if Defence utilises your tool for Defence purposes, then there may be restrictions to seeing your tool in use depending on security classifications.

What happens if my Eoi submission is successful?

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a half day workshop on 5th June 2019, to be held in Sydney as part of the Modelling Complex Warfighting Symposium.

You will be asked to demonstrate the tool in an open forum with DST scientists and program leads associated with the MCW program, other industry attendees, Defence ADF stakeholders and representatives from academia.

You will have the opportunity to pitch your tool to the group with additional time dedicated to one- on-one discussions with relevant MCW SRI project leaders.

Attendance on June 5th is at your own cost. There are no fees associated with participating in the MCW SRI Industry Workshop on June 5th.

I won't be able to attend the workshop on June 5th, but think my tool might be of interest to the program. Can I still submit an Eol?

Yes. If DST selects your tool but you are unable to attend the Workshop, then a separate demonstration may take place on a case by case basis later in 2019. Please indicate in your Eol response that you will not be available for the workshop.

What are the functions of the tool you are interested in?

For the purposes of modelling complex warfighting, functions include simulation for decision making, tactics development, operations analysis, and mission rehearsal. Human in the loop simulation systems can be included but systems for training development are outside the scope.

How will the EOI brief be assessed?

An assessment panel of 4 members consisting of DST scientists and external stakeholders (i.e. Defence users) will review the EOI to determine prospective tools fit for purpose for the MCW SRI research program.

What are the potential opportunities following the demonstration of my tool?

1. DST may work in partnership with you to refine the tool, for inclusion as part of the MCW research program.
2. DST may make available MCW SRI outputs for potential inclusion within your tool.
3. Demonstration of your tools will give your tools greater exposure to the Operations Research community.

What are the intellectual property considerations I should be aware of?

There will be no exchange of IP initially.

IP will be managed on a case by case basis in accordance with Defence IP policies as promulgated at business.gov.au, should a collaborative project result from the demonstration.

Following any future partnership associated with the MCW research program, will be I become a Defence preferred supplier?

No.

Is there more information available about the MCW SRI program?

Yes, refer to the Modelling Complex Warfighting internet page and brochure available on the DST Group website.

[<https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/partner-with-us/university/modelling-complex-warfighting-strategic-research-investment>]

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