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# Hunter Class Frigate Program (HCFP)

## Request for Information (RFI) Instruction & Conditions

### Category C AMMUNITION LOCKERS & STOWAGES Request No. HCF-20230009



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## 1 Acronyms and Definitions

Abbreviation	Definition
AIC	Australian Industry Capability
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASDEFCON	Australian Standard for Defence Contracting
ASCSB	ASC Shipbuilding
AUD	Australian Dollars
BAE	BAE Systems Australia Limited
BAESMA	BAE Systems Maritime Australia
CDRL	Contract Data Requirement List
DISP	Defence Industry Security Program
EOI	Expressions of Interest
FOC	First of Class (Ship 1)
GCS-A	Global Combat Ship-Australia
HCFP	Hunter Class Frigate Program
ICN	Industry Capability Network
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
OQE	Objective Quality Evidence
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RFI	Request for Information
RFT	Request for Tender
RAP	Reconciliation Action Plan
SHE	Safety, Health and Environment
SOW	Scope of Work
SQAM	Supplier Quality Assurance Manual
T26	British Type 26 Global Combat Ship

## 2 RFI Background

### 2.1 Program Introduction

BAE Systems Maritime Australia has been contracted to design and build nine future frigates for the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The Future Frigate offering, also known as the Hunter Class GCS-A (Global Combat Ship – Australia) is a variant of the British Type 26 GCS (T26).

The Hunter Class Frigate is designed for maximum versatility and flexibility in operational roles, from humanitarian and disaster relief operations, to high-intensity warfare. Modified to meet Australian requirements, the frigate will be constructed on an acoustically quiet hull, and feature unique sonar capabilities, modular digital design and open systems architecture to facilitate through-life support and upgrades as new technology develops.

The Hunter Class Frigates will be built at the BAE Systems Maritime Australia facility in Osborne, South Australia. BAE Systems Maritime Australia are committed to maximising opportunities for Australia industry through the Hunter Program, which is the largest surface ship project in the nation's defence history.

Cut Steel for Prototyping took place in December 2020 and First of Class is on schedule to commence in June 2024.

### 2.2 Purpose

This is a Request for Information (RFI) only to solicit initial technical and other information from potential suppliers for the Ammunition Lockers & Stowages, for the Hunter Class Frigate Program (HCFP) to support preliminary design. A separate Expression of Interest (EOI) will be issued if market testing is required.

Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future EOI, if one is issued. All costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the expense of the interested party.

This RFI does not create any representation, either express or implied that any tender or procurement process will proceed; or if a tender or procurement process does proceed, that the participant's response will be given any preference or special consideration.

Participants are still required to follow any EOI or tender process that may take place.

### 2.3 Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

Respondents will be required to sign a HCFP Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), prior to release of any Technical Scope of Work (if applicable).

### 3 RFI Background

BAE Systems Maritime – Australia is seeking the following information to support PP/1270 Ammunition Lockers and Stowages:-

- Identification of various sizes ready use magazines (RUMs).
- Identification of various sizes ready use Lockers
- Chest Ammunition Boxes
- The supplier must be able to design and support bespoke solutions.
- Products must be compliant to the with DEF(AUST) 5000 Standard

#### 3.1 Timeframe

RFI Issue Date: 27-FEB-2023  
RFI Close Date: 17-MAR-2023  
Issue of Technical Scope of Work: 31-MAR-2023

Issue of the Technical Scope of Work will be subject to a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) between BAE Systems Australia – Maritime and the respondent.

#### 3.2 RFI Response

Responses to this RFI are to be submitted to the nominated BAE Systems Australia – Maritime Representative as stated in 4.1 to the stated email address.

## 4 BAE Representative

### 4.1 BAE Systems Australia – Maritime Representative

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