

X3 OVA research projects tender: clarification Q&A

	Clarification question	Response
1	<p>We have a query on Lot 1: An economic analysis of the impact of UK armed forces reservists and veterans on the labour market which we would be grateful for a response on.</p> <p>We would like to know whether bidders are able to suggest an alternative timeline to the one set out under 2.6 of the ITT? In particular, we think it would be possible to have a final research report earlier than is suggested by the timeline.</p>	<p>Bidders are welcome to suggest an alternative timeline for the research project that fulfils all of the objectives of the research in a shorter timescale.</p>
2	<p>How does the OVA define 'underemployment'?</p>	<p>The OVA does not hold any specific definition to this term, but in short, underemployment refers to untapped skills potential, which can have negative economic (income / earnings / growth) consequences.</p>
3	<p>Is the OVA interested in barriers and facilitators for Reservists achieving successful employment during their military careers, as well as subsequently.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
4	<p>Does the OVA have a specific definition of 'successful employment'?</p>	<p>The OVA does not hold any specific definition to this term, but in short, when veterans are employed in roles in which they feel valued, are able to fully utilise their skills and experience, and are able to maximise their potential.</p>
5	<p>Is the OVA interested in 'economic impact' at an individual level (micro-level) or at a societal/government level (macro-level), or both?</p>	<p>Preferably on the latter, but some insight/analysis on the former even it forms a smaller part of the findings, would be welcomed.</p>
6	<p>What is the OVA's definition of a 'Merchant Mariner'?</p>	<p>Potential bidders are referred to the link to the Honourable Company of Master Mariners in the ITT document, where a definition can be found.</p>

7	Could the OVA clarify what is meant by 'composition' in this research objective: 'understand the size and composition of the cohort of current and former Merchant Mariners'. Does this relate to demographics of the community or composition from another perspective?	Yes, demographics
8	Does the comparative analysis [in Lot 3] extend only to government policies and statutory support, or also to non-statutory support?	Potential bidders are encouraged to consider the role of the third sector even if it forms a smaller part of the analysis, although the focus is expected to be on government policies and support.
9	To what extent will the OVA be able to facilitate introductions to stakeholders across the NATO Member States?	Potential bidders should propose their own networks for the project as part of their proposal, but the OVA could help facilitate introductions to some extent.
10	Can you please confirm that the milestones in this table are correct, and the Lot 3 will end at w/c 21/09/2026 and not in 2025?	The date is correct - Lot 3 is up to an 18-month contract as stated in Part 1 of the ITT documents
11	Will the Trust and OVA facilitate access to data from the 2022 Veterans Survey, Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey and Reserves Continuous Attitude Survey and other MoD data sets which record information on veterans and reservists?	Some data is in the public domain but other relevant data may not be. The successful bidder will be expected to make their own links with data organisations, and they should have plans/networks. For example, - if the data required is from ONS, then they will have to liaise with ONS on process/access to the data in a timely manner.
12	Does the concept "economic impact" only encompass the experience of accessing and experiencing employment, or does it also cover issues such as business creation, income and expenditure?	Yes, establishing businesses can be part of the research where possible.
13	Does "econometric analysis" imply that time-series analysis of data is required?	Yes, if this fits with the bidder's proposal.

14	The invitation to tender refers to “the model of successful studies examining the economic impact of social mobility or the economic contribution of migrants”. Would you please provide citations to these studies?	Bidders are expected to be able to find relevant studies to support their research.
15	Could the Trust confirm that the obligation to promote the Trust’s interests in clause 3.2 of the Agreement will not affect the Contractor’s independence.	The Contractor will be expected to take all reasonable steps to act in the best interests of the Trust and the Trust’s stakeholders and beneficiaries, but Clause 3.2 will not affect the Contractor’s independence.
16	Please can the Trust confirm that the Contractor’s background IP will not be transferred to the Trust under clause 9.2 of the Agreement.	The Contractor’s background IP will not be transferred to the Trust.