



Dear Tenderer,

You are invited to submit a proposal in the form of a white paper in response to RFP ATM ID: **ASCA-EDT-EXPLOR-2023**.

The Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator (ASCA) connects and streamlines Defence innovation, science and technology systems, driving capability development and acquisition pathways.

ASCA takes a holistic approach to innovation; supporting the exploration of emerging and disruptive technologies, identifying innovations that can be rapidly adapted for military purposes and delivering asymmetric capabilities to Defence via Missions.

ASCA is currently calling for white paper proposals as part of its Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDT) program in the following areas:

- **Quantum Technologies:** Quantum enabled technologies in precision sensing, enhanced computational capability and secure communications which have the potential to provide capability advantage for Defence.
- **Synthetic Media/Disinformation:** Detecting and countering the effects of AI-powered technologies that blur the line of what's real through convincing and mass-scale fake video, imagery, audio and text.

This RFP has been prepared and comprises:

- a. Conditions of Proposal and Proposal Data Requirements List (including annexes);
- b. Opportunity Statements (including annexes); and
- c. White Paper Response Template

Proposals are to be submitted by the Proposal Closing Time specified in clause 14.3 of the Conditions of Proposal. Any questions in relation to this RFP should be directed to the Contact Officer specified in clause 10 of the conditions of proposal.

Subject to the conditions of proposal, the proposed schedule for this call:

Market Briefing: ASCA invited you to attend a market briefing for this call via Zoom:

When: Monday 27th November 2023 at 02:00 PM Adelaide (ACDT).

Topic: Emerging & Disruptive Technologies Briefing

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://encore-anzpac.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-jCPu6yKRAeCsuJ8twhpFg

ATM Close Date: 09th of February 2024

Shortlisted White Papers for Co-Design workshops: February – March 2024

Respondents should note that the above schedule is subject to change at any time and is not to be relied on as final and definitive.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Emily Hilder

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