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Executive summary
Under AIR 7000 Phase 2B, the Commonwealth of Australia (CoA) is acquiring a fleet of eight P-8A Poseidon Maritime Patrol and Response Aircraft (MPRA) via a Cooperative Program (CP) with United States Navy (USN). The program also involves the acquisition of an extensive network of ground based training and support systems and the construction of new facilities including those at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Edinburgh which is the Main Operating Base (MOB) for the P-8A Weapon System (WS).

Boeing Defence Australia (Boeing) and Airbus Australia Pacific (Airbus) have teamed to form Team Poseidon Australia (TPA). TPA will provide the CoA with an experienced, capable and flexible partner to support the WS during the Interim Sustainment Support (ISS) period. The fully integrated Boeing-Airbus team represents the best of industry in relation to introduction into service and sustainment support for the CoA’s military aircraft and is fully focused on supporting P-8A ISS. The proven skills and expertise of TPA, working with the Surveillance and Response Systems Program Office’s (SRSPO’s) P-8A Sustainment Management Unit (SMU), and 92 Wing (92WG) will enable the CoA to optimise the benefits that result from participation in the United States Navy (USN) Cooperative Program (CP) under the Production, Sustainment and Follow-on Development Memorandum of Understanding.

The Contract End Date is currently 5 October 2020, and the approximate value of the Contract is $31.15 million, of which approximately $28.80 million of the Contract will be delivered by Australian Industry.

Scope of Future Opportunities
The majority of P-8A WS supply chain services will be delivered by the USN CP and ensures that the CP support is maximised. For the remaining supply chain services to be delivered through the ISSC, TPA will leverage proven Boeing and Airbus supply chain capabilities to deliver responsive, highly flexible, low risk and cost effective supply chain support solution for the P-8A WS. To this effect the following overarching philosophies have been applied to the development of TPAs supply chain solution:

- leverage and augment CP services to the maximum extent possible and avoid duplication of effort
- provide a flexible and responsive organisation structure that is able to adapt to workload variations as the CP and ISSC supply chain solution evolves
- colocation of the TPA supply chain team within SRSPO and full integration into the P 8A SMU – one team, one location and one Information Technology (IT) system
- implementation of a simple and effective team management structure which requires minimal CoA oversight allowing the P-8A SMU to focus on strategic planning and governance rather than management of transactional activities.
Future Opportunities

Boeing and its principal subcontractor, Airbus will assume responsibility for the core activity under the contract. TPA is committed to developing AIC in Australia and will continue to look for opportunities to engage Australian industry to progressively join the supply chain as additional work scope is identified that can be satisfied locally or within the region. However, this will be contingent on current export licensing agreements and the ability to add future suppliers.

For expressions of interest for future opportunities specific to this contract, suppliers should contact:

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Yours faithfully,
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