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## **Procurement of the C8 Safe Blank Firing System**

Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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United Kingdom

**National registration number**

UK

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

<https://des.mod.uk/>

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.3) Main activity**

Defence

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Procurement of the C8 Safe Blank Firing System

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Supplies

Purchase

#### **Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **NUTS code**

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Weapons, ammunition and associated parts. The procurement of a Suppressor and Safe Blank Firing System for the C8 Rifle that includes mechanisms to disrupt the feed of and safely capture live rounds. The system will include a suitable interface to allow Level 1 (User) fitment and removal of a SBFS and suppressor without the requirement for tools.

Note: It is recommended that potential suppliers refer to the DPQQ for full information.

#### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

#### **II.1.7) Information about subcontracting**

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

The tenderer has to indicate any change occurring at the level of subcontractors during the execution of the contract

The contracting authority/entity may oblige the successful tenderer to award all or certain

subcontracts

#### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

#### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The procurement of a Suppressor and Safe Blank Firing System for the C8 Rifle that includes mechanisms to disrupt the feed of and safely capture live rounds. The system will include a suitable interface to allow Level 1 (User) fitment and removal of a SBFS and suppressor without the requirement for tools. The Full Operating Quantity is yet to be quantified however the current estimated through-life consumption quantity of SBFS for the C8 is approximately 2,000.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £1,000,000 and £1,500,000

#### **II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: No

### **II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

A Parent Company or Bank Guarantee may be required

**III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

As detailed in the Invitation to Tender

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

If a group of economic operators submits a bid, they must nominate a legal entity to tender and enter into the Contract with the Authority.

**III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law and government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by a Security Aspects Letter, the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspects Letter to reflect any changes in national law or government policy whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

**III.2) Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1) Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Restricted

#### **IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 3 and maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Where an Agent is representing multiple original equipment manufacturers (OEM), an Agent may propose only one complete system from each OEM they represent, with a maximum of two bids submitted from any agent. In such instances, the Agent would be required to submit a separate response for each solution. The Authority will not consider more than one response from a single OEM.

### **IV.2) Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1) Award criteria**

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

#### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

700810376

#### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

#### **IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

14 February 2021 - 11:59pm

#### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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### **Section VI: Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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The Risk Assessment Reference (RAR) for this project is: RAR-C8F25CCJ

The Cyber Risk Rating is: Very Low

Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this opportunity.

The information and/or documents for this opportunity are available on <https://www.dcocontracts.mod.uk/delta>. You must register on this site to respond, if you are already registered you will not need to register again, simply use your existing username and password. Please note there is a password reminder link on the homepage.

Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: GUK6966582. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 14/02/2021 23:55. Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload documents.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

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### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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### **VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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