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## **Digital and IT Professional Services (DIPS) Framework**

Ministry of Defence, Information Systems and Services, ISS Commercial Sourcing Team

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

**Address of the buyer profile**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from 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/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:**

Digital and IT Professional Services (DIPS) Framework

### **II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 24: Personnel placement and supply services

### **NUTS code**

- UKK - South West (England)

### **II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services**

Recruitment services. Technical services. Services furnished by professional organisations. Recruitment services. Technical services. Services furnished by professional organisations. Recruitment services. The United Kingdom Ministry of Defence is considering the placement of a contract for the Digital and IT Professional Services (DIPS) Framework, previously referred to as the Flexible Delivery Partner Framework covering all delivery enabling Professional Service requirements for up to four years.

The new framework will be advertised under the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 as a Multi-Lot Framework that will utilise several selected suppliers against a wide range of capability and experience. The MoD will define but not be constrained to the capability areas that will be established across the Lots. It is anticipated that between 3 - 7 suppliers per Lot may be successful across 6 Lots.

The estimated value of this contract is @ £300M per year, with a 4-year contract duration. For the first 2 years the Ministry of Defence will manage the Framework, and after the 2nd year anniversary it will transition to Crown Commercial Services for the remainder of the term.

### **Estimated value excluding VAT**

£1,200,000,000

### **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71356000 - Technical services
- 98112000 - Services furnished by professional organisations

## **II.6) Scheduled date for start of award procedures and duration of the contract**

Scheduled date for start of award procedures: 25 January 2021

## **II.7) Additional information**

The new framework will be a multi-lot framework organised around capability and skills across the full IT Spectrum. The services will be divided into six lots, as shown below. Each lot will consist of circa three to seven providers, and a provider can be successful in multiple lots.

- Lot 1 - Solution, Enterprise, Technical Architecture, Data & Knowledge Information Management
- Lot 2 - Dev, Apps, UX, Dev Ops, Sys Design & App Support
- Lot 3 - Cyber Security, Crypto, Sec Ops & Integrated Systems
- Lot 4 - Infrastructure Data Centre, Hardware Engineers & Telecoms
- Lot 5 - Project, Portfolio & Programme Management (P3M)
- Lot 6 - Intelligence Solutions

Lot definitions, service requirements and role requirements against each lot are currently being finalised.

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

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

#### **III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

The method of payment for this Contract will be via invoice submitted via CP&F (MOD's electronic Contracting Purchasing and Finance) system. Other methods (i.e. manual invoicing) will not be considered.

If you are unfamiliar with CP&F please see the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system/cpf-guidance-for-suppliers>

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

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

### **VI.2) Additional information**

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) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

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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 <http://www.dcocontracts.mod.uk>.

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Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: FQ94UAJ422.

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### **VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework**

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

#### **Tax legislation**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-european-union-defence-and-security-public-contracts-regulations-dsPCR-2011>

#### **Environmental protection legislation**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-418-mod-corporate-environmental-protection-manual>

#### **Employment protection and working conditions**

- <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/working-conditions/lang--en/index.htm>