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## **708920451 - Aircraft Document Reader**

Defence Equipment & Support

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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

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

Defence Equipment & Support

A400M DT, Walnut 2c, MOD, Abbey Wood

Bristol

BS34 8JH

**For the attention of**

Cable Rhian

**Email(s)**

[rhian.cable220@mod.gov.uk](mailto:rhian.cable220@mod.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**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)

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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**

708920451 - Aircraft Document Reader

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

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

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

RAF Air Mobility Force crews for A400M and C17, who comprise the end user, require an Aircraft Document Reader: a security accredited single platform system for the document handling, processing, assuring content, editing, publishing, distribution, viewing and hosting of Aircraft Document Sets in digital format up to Official-Sensitive classification. Hardware is not in scope of this contract.

The contract duration will be 7 years including options, comprising:

A400M: 3 years + 4x1 option years

C17: 1 year + 6x1 option years

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

- 72512000 - Document management services

#### **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**

Provision of an Aircraft Document Reader for:

A400M - 3 years plus 4x1 option years

C17 - 1 year plus 6x1 option years

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £3,000,000 and £5,000,000

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

Options: Yes

Description of these options: A400M - 4 single (4x1) option years

C17 - 6 single (6x1) option years

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

Duration in months: 84 (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.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

As specified in the PQQ & Tender documents

### **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: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

#### 1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal
- Click the "Click here to register" link
- Accept the terms and conditions and click "continue"
- Enter your correct business and user details
- Note the username you chose and click "Save" when complete
- You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure)

#### 2. Express an Interest in the tender

- Login to the portal with the username/password
- Click the "PQQs Open to All Suppliers" link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires open to any registered supplier)
- Click on the relevant PQQ to access the content.
- Click the "Express Interest" button in the "Actions" box on the left-hand side of the page.

- This will move the PQQ into your “My PQQs” page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only)
- Click on the PQQ code, you can now access any attachments by clicking the “Settings and Buyer Attachments” in the “Actions” box

### 3. Responding to the tender

- You can now choose to “Reply” or “Reject” (please give a reason if rejecting)
- You can now use the ‘Messages’ function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification
- Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ
- There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available)

If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

### **Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

#### 1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal
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### **III.2.2) Economic and financial ability**

**Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity**

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures): no

#### **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 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The companies with the 4 highest technical scores in the DPQQ, above the minimum threshold of 70 per question, that also achieve a pass in all pass/fail question, will be successful. If a situation arises where any number of companies are tied in 4th place, then all that are tied will be taken through.

#### **IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated: yes

### **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**

708920451

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

no

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

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**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 intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations