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## **Heavy Equipment Transporter Interim Capability Solution (HET ICS)**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/>

### **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Heavy Equipment Transporter Interim Capability Solution (HET ICS)

Reference number

701556391

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50111100 - Vehicle-fleet management services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Overview of MDL25 Programme:

1. The Material Distribution Land 2025 (MDL25) Programme, managed in the Land Domain within DE&S, aims to deliver the next generation of Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET), Materiel Distribution (MD) and Bulk Liquids (BL) capabilities.
2. The HET platform (train) includes both the tractor and trailer units and provides the capability to move heavy or out of gauge armour/equipment within the firm base, deployed benign and deployed tactical environments.
3. The MDL25 Programme is divided into two Tranches with the HET covered in Tranche 1, followed by MD and BL as Tranche 2.
4. Tranche 1 has been further divided into two separate procurement phases as follows:
  - a. Tranche 1A (the HET Interim Solution) which aims to deliver a HET Interim Capability Solution (ICS) for a three-year period (from Jul 24) with two one-year contract options and;
  - b. Tranche 1B (the Future HET) which aims to deliver a longer-term solution to the Authority's Future HET capability requirement for a modernised, enduring capability beyond FY27/28, which will be capable of incorporating technological advancements such as enhanced driver aides, vehicle autonomy and potential improvements to fuel

consumption and/or fuel type.

5. For clarity, this Contract Notice and Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) relates to Tranche 1A only.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34200000 - Vehicle bodies, trailers or semi-trailers
- 34223300 - Trailers
- 35400000 - Military vehicles and associated parts
- 50100000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services of vehicles and related equipment
- 73423000 - Development of military vehicles

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The HET ICS Requirement:

6. The Authority is seeking potential providers who have the experience, capacity, and capability to deliver the HET ICS by the 6th July 2024. The HET ICS must provide a trialed and tested fleet of militarised HET trains which can safely move a variety of heavy logistics loads, Armored Fighting Vehicles (AFV) and the Main Battle Tank (MBT) in peacetime, on training exercises, during the transition to war and in war fighting scenarios. The HET is a key logistical vehicle for Defence and is further utilised in the global movement of various cargos across a number of tactical and operational scenarios.

7. The requirement requires the potential provider to deliver a manning structure that embraces the Army's concept of Whole Force Approach (WfA) with the capability being

delivered by an integrated combination of regular, reserve (both Regular Reserve and Sponsored Reserves (SR)), civilian & industry resources.

8. In particular reference to the SR requirement, potential providers are to provide:

a. 85 SRs in the following professions:

i. 68 x Driver Tank Transporter Operators (DTTO)

ii. 9 x Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (REME) Maintainers

iii. 8 x SR float.

9. The HET fleet is based at the following locations in the numbers shown below but can be flexed between those locations to meet operational demands, but will not exceed the total availability requirement:

a. Up to 40 trains at Bulford

b. Up to 40 trains at Catterick

c. Up to 6 trains in Germany

d. Up to 7 trains on Operations.

10. To deliver the HET ICS, the potential provider is to provide a managed service to meet the Army's availability requirements of:

a. 89 HET Tractors,

b. 86 HET Trailers and

c. 3 recovery systems.

d. To Note:

i. regarding points 10. a-c, there is an existing HET fleet currently providing the capability. The Authority does not intend to procure this fleet and offer it as Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) to fulfil the HET ICS requirement.

ii. The potential provider may also have to provide Heavy HET trailers as part of the HET ICS.

e. 85 SRs (Operators and Maintainers) as detailed in paragraph 8.

- f. An integrated logistics support service including fleet management, inventory management, supply chain management, servicing, maintenance, regeneration services and repair and inspection of a fleet of military vehicles.
- g. Supporting tasks performed in the firm base, deployed benign and deployed tactical environments.
- h. Sponsored Reserve training.
- i. Publication and updating of service documents.
- j. Safety management, including safety documentation.
- k. A Fleet Management Information System (MIS).

11. HET trains must also meet the following summary technical requirements:

- a. Comply with the weight / transport requirements within limits of Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003. Special Types; General Order (STGO) Guidance and Highways Regulations.
- b. Have the ability to move on gravelled / prepared tracks occasionally, alongside the primary ability to move loads via highways and paved roads;
- c. Remain within STGO guidance for acceptable axle load limitations Gross Axle Weight (GAW);
- d. Follow the NATO single fuel policy
- e. Recover non task-worthy vehicles including but not exclusively the MBT with loss of Mobility

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

6 July 2024

End date

6 July 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

## Selection of Potential Providers

15. The intent of the DPQQ is to establish compliant potential providers to proceed to the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) stage. Potential providers will be evaluated as compliant by answering a number of questions in two envelopes that demonstrate both the competency and capability to deliver the Authority's requirement within the published timescales.

16. The DPQQ will be evaluated in two Parts.

a. Part 1: Qualification Envelope (Pass/Fail)

i. This envelope has a number of questions which will be assessed by the Authority as either Pass or Fail. The potential provider must pass all questions in Part 1 of the DPQQ in order to be taken through to Part 2.

b. Part 2: Technical Envelope

i. This envelope has six project specific questions.

ii. For the six project specific questions, potential providers will be assessed against a scoring criteria which is outlined for each question to meet the overall criteria.

iii. A minimum score of 70 marks for technical questions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

iv. A minimum score of 30 marks for technical questions 5 and 6.

v. Potential providers will take no further part in this procurement if they achieve a score lower than stated at 16 b.iii – 16.b.iv or achieve a score of zero for any project specific questions within the DPQQ.

17. It is the Authority's intent to invite a maximum of 5 potential providers to the ITN Stage.

a. In the event that there are less than five, the Authority reserves the right to only take forward submissions that meet the requirements outlined above.

b. In the event that there is a tie for 5th place based on a overall cumulative score, then the potential provider with the highest score in the highest weighted project specific question in the technical envelope (1: Delivery of Equipment) will be taken through. If there remains a tie after this, the same process will be followed for the remaining highest weighted project specific question in the technical envelope until there is a winner.

c. In the event that there is still a tie, those potential providers that have provided an overall compliant DPQQ response for 5th place will be invited to the ITN Stage.



#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

HET Interim Capability Solution (ICS) will have a three-year duration with two optional years (3+1+1).

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 005-007566](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 March 2022

Local time

11:59pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

4 July 2022

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 120 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Indicative Timescales:

12. The Authority requires the potential provider to meet the key milestones for the HET ICS, outlined below.

13. The Pre-Qualification phase of the procurement will be undertaken during the below indicative timescales:

a. DPQQ Issue Date: 14 Feb 22 (potential providers can ask clarification question from 14 Feb 22 – 23 Feb 2022. Any clarification questions received beyond this date will not be accepted. The Authority will respond to all clarification questions by 2 Mar 2022.

b. DPQQ Return Date: 15 Mar 22

c. DPQQ Evaluation Period: Mar – May 22

d. DPQQ issue of outcome letters: Jun 22

14. The ITN phase of the procurement will be undertaken during the below indicative timescales:

a. ITN Issue: Jul 22

b. ITN Return: Oct 22

c. ITN Evaluation / Negotiation Period: Oct 22 – Mar 23

d. ITN Issue of Outcome Letters: Q3 2023

e. Contract Award Date: Q1 2024

f. Full-Service Commencement Date: 6th July 2024

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

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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