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The Procurement and In-Service Support of Future Through Barrier Imaging System (TBIS)

Specialist EODS, [Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search], Exploitation and Countermeasures (SEEC) Team, Defence Equipment and Support

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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://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

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

The Procurement and In-Service Support of Future Through Barrier Imaging System (TBIS)

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

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 5

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£13,300,000

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

1. Introduction

1.1 The DE&S Specialist EODS, [Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search], Exploitation and Countermeasures (SEEC) team intends to competitively assess, select and award a contract to deliver and support a Future Through Barrier Imaging System (TBIS) capability for use by UK Armed Forces during Improvised Explosive Device Disposal operations. This Contract will deliver an initial order of 160 units with potential to purchase additional units over the Contract duration.

1.2 The Future TBIS capability shall provide a through-barrier system, specifically X-Ray, consisting of, but not limited to, an X-Ray generator, a detector panel, and a laptop used to display and manipulate the image.

1.3 The system needs to comply with MOD standards and policies for quality, safety, security and cyber, amongst others. Full details shall be provided at the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage of the competition.

1.4 The competitive procedure will be managed in accordance with a Restricted procedure under Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

1.5 You may express your interest in this requirement by completing the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) found at <https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55756>. The full requirement will be issued in the ITT and suppliers will be given appropriate time to respond with their tenders. The Authority shall take forward a maximum of six suppliers that have provided a compliant response to the PQQ. The six highest scoring compliant suppliers will be invited to tender.

2. Scope of Requirement

2.1 Future TBIS will deliver a capability that is available to UK based Defence Users.

2.2 The Authority is seeking a mature Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) solution to meet the requirement.

2.3 In-service support shall be provided for a period of five years from Contract Award. The requirements of in-service support include, but are not limited to: provision of spares, repairs and turnaround times, quality management, safety management, obsolescence management. Performance against these requirements will be monitored as part of standard MOD Contract Management processes.

3. Contract Options

3.1 The requirement includes the provision of the following contract option:

3.1.1 Extension of In-Service Support for an additional period of two years.

3.2 The Authority reserve the right, at its absolute discretion, to not take up any or all the option. Further information on the option will be provided in the Invitation to Tender.

4. Security Information

4.1 The Cyber Risk level for this procurement is VERY LOW. The Risk Assessment Reference (RAR) is RAR-415050668.

4.2 A full description of the Cyber Risk levels is available at DEFSTAN 05-138. Potential Providers should make themselves familiar with the requirements against the profile assessment for this risk level.

4.3 The maximum classification of the Future TBIS contract and its data is expected to be OFFICIAL SENSITIVE.

5. Estimated Timescales

5.1 The table below details the anticipated timeframes of this procurement. These dates are provided for information only.

Activity Date

Final date for DPQQ Clarification Questions 06 March 2023

DPQQs returned to MOD 13 March 2023

Invitation to Tender Issued 31 March 2023

Tenders Returned to MOD 12 May 2023

Authority Evaluation of ITT Completed 23 June 2023

Anticipated Date of Contract Award 01 August 2023

Contract Expiry 2028 (excluding options) 5 years post contract award

6. Estimated Value

6.1 The estimated overall value of the contract, including any option extension periods and additional purchases, is £13,300,000.00(EX VAT).

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 24931230 - X-ray developers

Additional CPV code(s)

- 33111300 - X-ray processing devices
- 33111600 - Radiography devices
- 38546100 - Bomb detectors
- 38582000 - X-ray inspection equipment

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

The successful tenderer is obliged to specify which part or parts of the contract it intends to subcontract beyond the required percentage and to indicate the subcontractors already identified

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 and In-Service Support of qty 160 units with potential to purchase additional units over Contract duration.

Options to extend the Contract duration by an additional two years up to a maximum of

seven years.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£13,300,000

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of these options: Options to extend the Contract duration by an additional two years up to a maximum of seven years.

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)

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

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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:
Information on financial ability will be assessed as part of your pre-qualification questionnaire return

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:
Information on technical ability will be assessed as part of your pre-qualification questionnaire return

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 2 and maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Top highest scoring responses against the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire that are compliant.

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

70676450

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

no

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

13 March 2023 - 5:00pm

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

31 March 2023

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

English

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 for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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