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Planning

Provision of Medical, General Aviation Support and Air Firefighting to the British Army Training Unit Belize (BATSUB)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

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Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=53524>

Address of the buyer profile

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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

Section II: Object

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

Provision of Medical, General Aviation Support and Air Firefighting to the British Army Training Unit Belize (BATSUB)

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

Services

Service category No 6: Air transport services of passengers and freight, except transport of mail

NUTS code

- BZ - Belize

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

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

Requirement:

The possible requirement is for twin engine aviation support helicopter and aircrew capable of operating to Visual Flight Rules (VFR) in Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) by day, when tasked in support of BATSUB staff, DIO staff and exercising troops being supported by BATSUB.

The services that are likely to be required at the outset of any potential contract are:

See Description of Activity

1 Provide an aviation MEDEVAC service - Rotary wing

2 Provide a general aviation service - Rotary wing

3 Provide an aviation firefighting service – Rotary wing

- 4 Source and operate from their own base in close proximity to BATSUB.
- 5 Provide a twin engine airframe – Rotary wing
- 6 Provide fully SQEP pilots and ground crew
- 7 Land and take off from restricted areas including jungle
- 8 Maintain airframes to ensure no loss of capability
- 9 Comply with all Belizean Aviation Authority and international air regulations
- 10 Obtain all necessary permissions to operate
- 11 Participate in Authority training exercises

Early Market Engagement:

The Authority would like to undertake market engagement to understand the market's view on risk associated with the service delivery of any resultant contract place for this requirement. The Authority are keen to ensure that any risk is appropriately identified and is held by the right party. This will primarily include the following:

- Identification of any additional risks not captured by the Authority
- Feedback on the proposed allocation of these risks and the method of allocating and mitigating the risks
- Feedback on the proposed limits on liability and how these will affect any potential bids.

The Authority are looking to hold an Early Market Engagement Interest Day to discuss the identified risks and proposed mitigation's with the market as per the above. This will be held virtually over Microsoft TEAMS. Following the Interest Day, the market will be given an opportunity to provide their views on the risks and proposed mitigation's presented by the Authority through a written Request For Information (RFI).

Proposed Timelines are as follows:

Final date for Suppliers to confirm attendance at Early Market Engagement Day: 17:00hrs GMT on 09 Mar 22

Authority to provide details for Interest Day to interested Suppliers: NLT 17:00hrs GMT on 10 Mar 22

Interest Day: 14.30 – 16:00hrs GMT on 24 Mar 22 on Microsoft TEAMS

Interest RFI Responses due: 12:00hrs GMT on 14 Apr 22

To express interest in attending the Interest Day, please provide a name, email address and telephone number to armycomrcl-lwc-mailbox@mod.gov.uk with the subject 'BATSUB Aviation Early Market Engagement Interest Day'

Please note the following:

- This Interest Day and subsequent RFI will assist the Authority to refine any future requirements and procurement documentation.
- We reserve the right not to proceed with this procurement. Nothing shall constitute a commitment to instigating a formal procurement process.
- Any and all costs associated with the production of such a response either to an RFI, attendance at an Interest Day or any resultant competition must be borne by the Supplier. The Authority will not contribute in any way to meeting production costs of any response.
- No down-selection of Potential Providers will take place as a consequence of any responses or interactions relating to this Interest Day.
- The Authority expect that all responses at the Interest Day and subsequent RFI will be provided by Potential Providers in good faith to the best of their ability in the light of information available at the time of their response.
- No information provided by a Potential Provider in response to this Interest Day and subsequent RFI will be carried forward, used or acknowledged in any way for the purpose of evaluating the Potential Provider, in any subsequent formal procurement process that may take place.
- Should a Potential Provider fail to attend the Interest Day or respond to the subsequent RFI, it will not affect any further participation in any possible future procurement for this capability.

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between £0 and £2,000,000

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 60424120 - Hire of helicopters with crew

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35612300 - Support helicopters

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

Start date: 1 October 2023

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 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.