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Prior Information Notice for Javelin Command Launch Unit (CLU) Bags

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

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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:

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

Supplies

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

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to provide suppliers with advanced notification of our potential future procurement and seek information. This PIN aims at companies that provide Javelin Command Launch Unit (CLU) carriage bags that could satisfy the technical elements listed below.

Note: This procurement is to fulfil the current in-service requirement in the next 5 years. This requirement DOES NOT seek a carriage solution for the future CLU replacement (circa. 2025).

The bag must provide:

- Interoperability and compatibility with the British Army's existing VIRTUS system.
- The ability for an individual to carry the CLU.
- The ability for an individual to carry a Launch Tube Assembly (LTA – missile and tube).
- The weight of the LTA must not place stress upon the CLU itself (i.e. must not sit directly upon it).
- A layer of protection to the CLU against minor bumps or drops.
- The load must be suitably balanced, minimising the user from being pulled off-balance.
- Suitable lumbar support facilitating user comfort.
- The ability for the user to carry a minimum of 2 spare batteries.
- The ability for the user to carry additional kit such as clothing, optics and rations. This will be between 20 & 40 litres in capacity.
- Must be able to be carried whilst wearing in-service VIRTUS Body Armour
- Minimum quality standards: AQAP 2131, Def Stans 05-57, 05-61 Pt 1 and 05-135

Desirable technical specifications:

- To have anchor points to allow activities such as (for example) lowering/raising by line (cliff assault) or clipping and hanging to vehicles.
- Water-proof protection
- Suitable Molle, or other, attachments allowing a degree of customisation in attachment

of kit/accessories.

- The carriage system will be in Multi-Terrain Pattern (MTP) camouflage.

Market testing questions:

- Would you be able to provide bags for assessments up to 9 bags?
- What is the manufacturing lead time for e.g. 50,100, 300 bags?
- Do you have a minimum order quantity and would pricing reflect the volume of order at times?
- How do you manage supply chain risks such as sourcing materials, transport, quality assurance anything else relevant to your business?
- The Public Services (Social Value) Act came into force on 31 January 2013. It requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Defence identified three priority Social Value themes from the Cabinet Office Social Value Model. They are
 - o tackling economic inequality;
 - o fighting climate change and
 - o equal opportunity.
- Please could you rank the above which is relevant to your sector, 1 being most relevant and 3 being the least relevant. This will help us to formulate evaluation criteria in the future tender.
- You can find further information on Social Value at Procurement Policy Note 06/20 – taking account of social value in the award of central government contracts - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 18934000 - Kitbags

Additional CPV code(s)

- 18938000 - Padded bags
- 35812300 - Combat gear

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.

VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

Tax legislation

www.gov.uk

as above

Andover

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.gov.uk

Environmental protection legislation

www.gov.uk

as above

Andover

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.gov.uk

Employment protection and working conditions

www.gov.uk

as above

Andover

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.gov.uk