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Planning

Dstl Shuttle Service

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

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Scope

Description

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is an Executive Agency of the Ministry of Defence (MOD), employing approximately 5000 staff across two core sites. Dstl exists to supply the very best impartial scientific and technical research and advice to the MOD and other government departments. Dstl is committed to providing sustainable travel options to its employees under its Travel Plan, with the aim of reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles traveling to Dstl sites. Dstl has committed to provide Dstl staff with an accessible bus/coach service from agreed locations to its sites.

The current services are:

- Porchester - 21 journeys per day.
- Southsea - 4 Journeys per day.
- Porton Down - 9 Journeys per day.

Dstl requires a bus/coach service from agreed locations to its core sites as part of its commitment to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles travelling to Dstl sites.

The sites are as follows:

- Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 0JQ (3 Routes)
- Portsdown West, Fareham, Hampshire , PO17 6AD (2 Routes)

Total value (estimated)

- £1,700,000 excluding VAT
- £2,040,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two firm priced option period of 12 months.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Two firm priced option period of 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 63520000 - Transport agency services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight
- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

Supported employment providers

Technical ability conditions of participation

The Supplier shall ensure that all their personnel vetting procedures comply with the British Standard, Security Screening of Individuals Employed in a Security Environment - BS7858:2019

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 March 2025

Enquiry deadline

21 April 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

21 April 2025, 11:59pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

Maximum 5 suppliers

Selection criteria:

Yes

Award decision date (estimated)

7 July 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Dstl is seeking to run this tender exercise using the following processes;

- 1) Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) - Dstl will be looking to reduce the total number of tenderers to 5.
- 2) Invitation to Tender - This will be assessed using the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT) where suppliers will be asked to respond to a series of technical and social value questions and provide Dstl with a firm price to deliver the statement of requirements.

Noting this is subject to change and COP will be further clarified within the PSQ and Tender Notice.

Contracting authority

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDDM-1961-MTLN

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Region: UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - central government