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Tender

NATO Submarine Rescue System Third In-Service Support Period

Ministry of Defence (SDA ISM Commercial)

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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)

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

NATO Submarine Rescue System Third In-Service Support Period

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

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

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA) has a potential requirement for the provision of a Government Owned Contractor Operated service to ensure continued availability and capability of the NATO Submarine Rescue System (NSRS) from mid-2023.

NSRS is a tri-national project established in 2003 to deliver a submarine rescue capability to the United Kingdom (UK), France and Norway (collectively known as the Participant Nations). The SDA acting on behalf of the UK, operates as the designated lead nation responsible for the commercial arrangements under which NSRS is delivered.

NSRS is a world leading capability for Submarine Rescue and the next phase of this project (known as the Third In-Service Support project or 3ISS) offers an exciting opportunity for potential suppliers to operate and maintain a worldwide, continuously available and sustainable submarine rescue capability, supporting the Participant Nations and wider NATO community.

NSRS is comprised of three overarching systems:

- a) Intervention - Independent Remote Operated Vehicle (IROV) and supporting equipment which provides the capability to search, examine and deliver vital emergency supplies to enable rescue;
- b) Rescue - Submarine Rescue Vehicle (SRV) and supporting equipment used to dock

and enact escape from a distressed submarine, launched from a Mothership (MOSHIP) using a Portable Launch and Recovery System; and

c) Transfer Under Pressure System (TUP) - A decompression chamber located on-board the deck of a MOSHIP and used to bring rescued crew back to the correct atmospheric pressure.

The scope of the 3ISS requirement is expected to include, but not be limited to:

a) Provision of project and programme management to oversee the management and maintain capability and availability of the system (rescue readiness);

b) Provision of a complete contractor operated service;

c) Continuous maintenance and support of NSRS assets and systems;

d) Mobilisation and conducting NSRS training exercises;

e) Obsolescence management; and

f) Spares management.

3ISS is expected to be operate across a 9-year term from mid-2023 to align with both the end of the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Partner Nations and the current NSRS out-of-service date.

This procurement is subject to the Defence Security & Public Contract Regulations 2011 and will operate against the Competitive Negotiated procedure. Suppliers who wish to express an interest must do so by completing and returning a Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP). The searchable Project Code is 60992378.

In order to qualify at the supplier selection stage, Suppliers will need to meet the minimum standards set out in the DPQQ, namely:

a) that you will not be subject to any of the exclusionary criteria set out under Regulation 23 unless the Authority is satisfied that the provisions of Regulation 23(2) can apply;

b) that you will be able to meet the economic and financial standing requirements;

c) that you will be able to meet the technical and professional ability requirements.; and

d) for the scored section criteria which is scored between 0 (low score) and 5 (high score) that a minimum pass mark of 33 is achieved with each question scoring not less than a 2.

You must not take this announcement to mean confirmation that MOD shall award a contract for this requirement. The MOD is publishing this announcement without any commitment to issue a tender or place a contract. Accordingly, any expenditure, work or effort undertaken before contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. Announcements may also be published on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP), Contracts Finder or the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), as appropriate.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 75252000 - Rescue services

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 108 (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: As set out in the DPQQ

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

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: 1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

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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: As set out in the DPQQ

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As set out in the DPQQ

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: As set out in the DPQQ

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As set out in the DPQQ

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

IV.2) Award criteria

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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

SDA/701555382

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

Prior information notice

Notice number: [2021/S 000-004293](#) of 3 March 2021

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 4 June 2021 - 11:59pm

Payable documents: no

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

11 June 2021 - 11:59pm

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

English

Section VI: Complementary information

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.