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## **Fleet Solid Support (FSS) ships**

Ministry of Defence

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b402

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

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Bristol

BS34 8JH

#### **Email**

[DESShipsCSS-ComrcI-FSS-Group@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESShipsCSS-ComrcI-FSS-Group@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.des.mod.uk>

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the following address:

FSS Commercial Team

Bristol

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Fleet Solid Support (FSS) ships

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34512400 - Cargo ships

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Procurement of three (3) solid store supply ships for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) and the Royal Navy (RN)

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34510000 - Ships
- 34512000 - Ships and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The United Kingdom (UK) Ministry of Defence ("Authority") is seeking to procure new ships for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ("RFA") and Royal Navy ("RN") (the "Procurement").

These ships have been denoted the Fleet Solid Support ("FSS") ships.

The Authority's high-level requirements for the FSS programme (the "Procurement Objectives") are as follows:

- a contract for delivery of the FSS ships;
- delivery of three (3) FSS ships by 2032;
- a forecasted outturn cost to the Authority not to exceed £1.617BN;
- integration of all ships and installation of sensitive systems subject to national security restrictions to be carried out in the UK, and delivery of UK social value;
- delivery of an integrated logistics support package and future rights to enable the Authority to compete support arrangements; and
- a ship design which minimises whole life cost, achieves sustainability objectives, and is safe and environmentally sound to operate.

The Authority requires a solid stores capability able to fully support the Queen Elizabeth Class (QEC) Aircraft Carriers into the future. The UK's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) reached Initial Operating Capability (IOC) in January 2021, with Full Operating Capability (FOC) expected by December 2023. The FSS ships will facilitate Carrier Enabled Power Projection (CEPP), supplying the carrier-based Maritime Task Group with the stores and ammunition needed to sustain operations at the intensity and range required to meet the UK's defence commitments.

The full Contract Notice is available from:

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=51386>

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

End date

31 December 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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**Section IV. Procedure**

**IV.1) Description**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom