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Opportunity

New Medium Helicopter contract reference 702091450

Ministry of Defence

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Ministry of Defence

NMH, Yew Ob, Abbey Wood

Bristol

BS34 8JH

For the attention of

NMH Senior Commercial Manager

Email(s)

DESHels-NMH-Commercial@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52765>

Address of the buyer profile

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52765>

Electronic access to information

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52765>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52765>

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

New Medium Helicopter contract reference 702091450

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

RAF Benson, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6AA

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The purpose of this Contract Notice is to invite potential and interested suppliers to formally express interest in participating in this procurement by completing a DPQQ found on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) linked to this Notice.

The high-level requirement for this procurement consists of:

- i. A range of up to 44 platforms.

- ii. Design Organisation integration services for Government Furnished Assets (GFA) and Mission Role Equipment (MRE).
- iii. Up to 2 x aircrew and rearcrew Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTD) at the UK Main Operating Base (MOB).
- iv. Training courses for Qualified Helicopter Instructors (QHIs), aircrew and groundcrew maintainers.
- v. Courseware material for enduring aircrew and maintainer training.
- vi. An Initial In-Service Support Package, to include:
 - Initial Provisioning Spares.
 - Deployed Support Packages (DSPs).
 - Ground Support Equipment and Specialist Tooling.
 - Technical Publications and Aircrew Publications.
 - Logistics (Spares) Management.
 - Forward and Depth Maintenance.
 - Design Organisation (DO) modifications and technical support.

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The contract duration is anticipated to be 7 years (as referred to in section II.3) but will be determined by the agreed production schedule that will reflect the supplier's ability to complete delivery of aircraft and an initial support phase.

The support solution duration is anticipated to be approximately 5 years from first aircraft delivery, taking into consideration the manufacturer's delivery schedule, or until aircraft production is complete, whichever is later. Training services will commence prior to first aircraft delivery to support entry into service.

Notwithstanding the above, it is anticipated that the maximum contract duration will be 7 years.

The Cyber Risk Assessment code is RAR-440604976 and has been rated as MODERATE Risk.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 34711500 - Helicopters

Additional CPV code(s)

- 34710000 - Helicopters, aeroplanes, spacecraft and other powered aircraft
- 34711000 - Helicopters and aeroplanes
- 34741400 - Flight simulators
- 35612100 - Combat helicopters
- 35612400 - Military transport helicopters
- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.1.7) Information about subcontracting

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

The tenderer has to indicate any change occurring at the level of subcontractors during the execution of the contract

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope

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Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £900,000,000 and £1,200,000,000

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of these options: The Authority anticipates that there may be a requirement to procure additional work through this contract. Options that have a clearly defined scope will be defined in the ITN, and the Authority may seek costed options for additional work such as:

- Manufacture and Supply of additional aircraft
- Introduction of enhanced capability.

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: No

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

Duration in months: 84 (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: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

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.

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

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

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate

Envisaged number of operators: 5

IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated: yes

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 20 June 2022

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

20 June 2022

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

30 September 2022

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

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website provides information on the Government Security Classification

The documentation is under development and will be released with the ITN. The selected supplier may be required to actively participate in the achievement of social and/or environmental objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social, environmental or other corporate social responsibility considerations. The Authority anticipates that the contract will include a requirement for a UK Onshore Design capability. Further details will be set out in the ITN and the contract.

Bidders will remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from Bidders in connection with taking part in this procurement, regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence direct or indirect of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) at any time. MoD reserves the right at any time to:

- (i) reject any or all responses and to cancel or withdraw this procurement at any stage;
- (ii) award a contract without prior notice;
- (iii) change the basis, the procedures and the time-scales set out or referred to within the procurement documents;

(iv) require a bidder to clarify any submissions in writing and/or provide additional information (failure to respond adequately may result in disqualification);

(v) terminate the procurement process; and

(vi) amend the terms and conditions of the selection and evaluation process.

All discussions and correspondence will be deemed strictly subject to contract until a formal contract is entered into. The formal contract shall not be binding until it has been signed and dated by the duly authorised representatives of both parties subject to a sufficient number of satisfactory responses being received.

MOD reserves the right to require parent company guarantees or other forms of security.

In line with Government policy, the Authority is keen to promote and achieve social value benefits through its commercial activities. Accordingly, social value will account for over 10% of the tender evaluation criteria. Details of how the Authority intends to incorporate social value in this procurement process, whether as part of the tender evaluation process and/or the contractual requirements, will be set out in the ITN.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Procedures for review Any appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of MoD at the address specified in Section I) above, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011. Any appeals must be brought within the time-scales specified by the applicable law, including, without limitation, the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011. In accordance with such Regulations, MoD will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.

