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Tender

## **701550510 — ADEWS/097 — Support for SPICCCS (Spadeadam Integrated Command Control and Communication System)**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Ministry of Defence

Air Defence & Electronic Warfare Systems,(ADEWS), Building 85, RAF Henlow,

Henlow

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#### **Contact**

Commercial Department

#### **For the attention of**

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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

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

701550510 — ADEWS/097 — Support for SPICCCS (Spadeadam Integrated Command Control and Communication System)

#### **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

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

RAF Spadeadam, Gilsland, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 7AT.

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKD1 - Cumbria
- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

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

Built using commercial-off-the-shelf computer-based technology, the RAF Spadeadam Integrated Command, Control and Communications System (SPICCCS) connects the electronic warfare range's threat sub-systems to the site's command infrastructure.

The Authority is inviting PQQ responses from interested parties to provide technical support for SPICCCS and will involve the following:

- performing system design authority activities;
- undertaking reliability-driven engineering changes to the system;
- system software changes;

- configuration management and upkeep of technical publications;
- annual systems checks;
- maintenance of system accreditation; and
- any other tasks as required by the Authority

### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35710000 - Command, control, communication and computer systems
- 35711000 - Command, control, communication systems
- 35712000 - Tactical command, control and communication systems
- 48510000 - Communication software package
- 50312300 - Maintenance and repair of data network equipment
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services

### **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

The successful tenderer is obliged to specify which part or parts of the contract it intends to subcontract beyond the required percentage and to indicate the subcontractors already identified

### **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**

— Contract Duration: Four Years plus

— Option: Option for the Authority to Extend Contract Duration by up to an Additional Three Years following initial Four Year contract period. This right to exercise the option may involve one or more annual extensions taken up either separately or together (3 x Additional One Year Options to be taken up either separately or together)

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A requirement exists to provide technical support for SPICCCS and will involve the following:

- performing system design authority activities;
- undertaking reliability-driven engineering changes to the system;
- system software changes;
- configuration management and upkeep of technical publications;
- annual systems checks;
- maintenance of system accreditation; and
- any other tasks as required by the Authority

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£1,725,000

### **II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of these options: — Option for the Authority to Extend Contract Duration by up to an Additional Three Years following initial Four Year contract period.

— This right to exercise the option may involve one or more annual extensions taken up either separately or together (3 x Additional One Year Options to be taken up either separately or together)

### **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: 48 (from the award of the contract)

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

The Authority reserves the right to require an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the required standard for economic and financial standing

#### **III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

— Payment will follow delivery and acceptance of the goods and / or services

— Payment will be made by electronic transfer and prior to submitting any claims for payment the Contractor will be required to register their details (Supplier on-boarding) on the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool

#### **III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

If a group of economic operators submits a bid, the group must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Authority. The Authority shall require the group to form a legal entity before entering into the Contract

#### **III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

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 a Security Aspects Letter, the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspects Letter 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

### **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: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 39(1) of Directive 2009/81/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 39(2) of Directive 2009/81/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the DSPCR 2011) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

A full list of these criteria are at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eudr/2009/81/article/39>

Candidates will be required to sign a declaration confirming whether they do or do not have any of the listed criteria as part of the pre-qualification process.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 39(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest (including defence and security factors) for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 39(2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

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.
- The link to the Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire associated with this Contract Notice is — <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/71860345017A2D86B189>
- 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: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 39(1) of Directive 2009/81/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 39(2) of Directive 2009/81/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the DSPCR 2011) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

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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: (a) Appropriate statements from the economic operator's bankers or where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;

(b) The presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established;

(c) where appropriate, a statement, covering the three previous financial years of the economic operator, of:(i) the overall turnover of the business of the economic operator; and (ii) where appropriate, the turnover in respect of the work, works, goods or services which are of a similar type to the subject matter of the contract.

Candidates will be required to sign a declaration confirming whether they do or do not have any of the listed criteria as part of the pre-qualification process

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Candidates will be required to sign a declaration confirming whether they do or do not have any of the listed criteria as part of the

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### **Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of subcontractors (that may lead to their exclusion)**

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### **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: (a) in the case of a supply contract requiring the siting or installation of goods, a services contract or a works contract, the economic operator's technical ability, taking into account in particular that economic operator's skills, efficiency, experience and reliability;

(b) a list of works carried out over the past five years together with (unless the contracting authority specifies that the following certificate should be submitted direct to the contracting authority by the person certifying) certificates of satisfactory completion for the most important of those works indicating in each case: (i) the value of the consideration received; (ii) when and where the work or works were carried out; and (iii) specifying whether they were carried out according to the rules of the trade or profession and properly completed;

(c) a statement of the principal goods sold or services provided by the supplier or the services provider in the past five years, or during a shorter period if necessary, and: (i) the dates on which the goods were sold or the services provided; (ii) the consideration received; (iii) the identity of the person to whom the goods were sold or the service were provided; (iv) any certificate issued or countersigned by that person confirming the details of the contract for those goods sold or services provided; and (v) where - (a) that person was not a contracting authority, and (b) the certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) is not available, any declaration by the economic operator attesting the details of the goods sold or services provided;

(d) a statement of the technicians or technical services available to the economic operator to: (i) carry out the work under the contract, or (ii) be involved in the production of goods or

the provision of services under the contract, particularly those responsible for quality control, whether or not they are independent of the economic operator;

(e) a statement of the economic operator's: (i) technical facilities; (ii) measures for ensuring quality; (iii) study and research facilities; and (iv) internal rules regarding intellectual property;

(f) a check carried out by the contracting authority or on its behalf by a competent official body of the member State in which the economic operator is established: (i) on the technical capacity of the economic operator; and (ii) if relevant, on the economic operator's study and research facilities and quality control measures;

(g) in the case of works contracts, services contracts or supply contracts also covering siting and installation operations or services, the economic operator's educational and professional qualifications where the economic operator is an individual and: (i) if any, those of the economic operator's managerial staff; and (ii) those of one or more persons who would be responsible for providing the services or carrying out the work or works under the contract;

(h) the environmental management measures, that the economic operator is able to apply when performing the contract, but only where it is necessary for the performance of that contract;

(i) a statement of the services provider's or contractor's average annual number of staff and managerial staff over the previous three years;

(j) a description of the tools, material, technical equipment, staff numbers, know-how and sources of supply (with an indication of their geographical location when it is outside the territory of the EU) available to the economic operator to perform the contract, cope with any additional needs required by the contracting authority as a result of a crisis or carry out the maintenance, modernisation or adaptation of the goods covered by the contract;

(k) any samples, descriptions and photographs of the goods to be purchased or hired under the contract and certification of the authenticity of such samples, descriptions or photographs;

(l) certification by official quality control institutes or agencies of recognised competence, attesting that the goods to be purchased or hired under the contract conform to standards and technical specifications (within the meaning of regulation 12(1)) identified by the contracting authority;

(m) in the case of contracts involving, entailing or containing classified information, evidence of the ability to process, store and transmit such information at the level of protection required by the contracting authority;

(n) a certificate: (i) attesting conformity to quality management systems standards based on the relevant European standard; and (ii) from an independent accredited body established in any member State conforming to the European standards concerning accreditation and certification;

(o) any other evidence of conformity to quality management systems standards which are equivalent to the standards referred to in sub-paragraph (n)(i);

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

As requested at

a. Pre-Qualification Questionnaire stage and

b. Invitation to Tender (ITT) Stage for those companies down selected to participate in the ITT Stage.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Demonstration of capability and capacity to deliver the advertised requirement in the suppliers Pre-Qualification Questionnaire response.

### **Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Not Applicable

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Not Applicable

## **III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts**

### **III.3.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: No

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 2 and maximum number 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Potential contractors will be selected using a Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ).

### **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.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

701550510—ADEWS/097—Support for SPICCCS

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

no

#### **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: 2 July 2021 - 4:00pm

Payable documents: no

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

6 July 2021 - 4:00pm

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

20 August 2021

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

English

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### **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**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, 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/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 23/07/2021 16:00.

Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload documents.

- The link to the Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire associated with this Contract Notice is — <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/71860345017A2D86B189>

CYBER ASSESEMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AND THE REFERENCE NUMBER IS: RAR-Q7TM45VR - RISK LEVEL = LOW

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

### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Ministry of Defence

DE&S, Air Defence & Electronic Warfare Systems (ADEWS)

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SG166DN

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### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Ministry of Defence

