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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)**

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**For the attention of**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

<https://des.mod.uk>

### **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)

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

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

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

Services

Service category No 6: Air transport services of passengers and freight, except transport of mail

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKJ - South East (England)

#### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £65,000,000 and £95,000,000

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

The Authority intends to contract for commercial fixed-wing aircraft services to conduct Military Parachute Training (MPT). This MPT will be based predominantly in the UK with the prospect of European MPT at some points during the contract. Please note the advertised value is inclusive of option years.

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

- 60444100 - Pilot services

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

- 34711110 - Fixed-wing aircrafts

### **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.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The aircraft type must be able to carry a min of 20 x parachutists with full kit and be able to air despatch Low Level Parachutists and facilitate a portable oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) capability for High-Altitude Parachutists (HAP) secured to the aircraft floor. The Authority envisages a five-year availability service with three, one-year contract options thereafter. The service should aim to deliver by Q1 2025, with an approved framework agreement between MAA, CAA and the Contractor to provide MPT. The contractor shall supply type-rated aircrew, engineers, fire & crash cover, medical cover when not provided by the Authority. The contractor shall maintain and sustain the aircraft with minimum reliance on the Authority. The contractor will also be required to base the aircraft at its own facility in Southern England and pick up parachutists from various pre-designated locations in the UK, predominantly from Brize Norton as a Main Operating Base. In addition to the UK operation, there is a requirement to support MPT in Europe (altitude assured) from the same aircraft, predominantly in Southern France. Whilst service levels may vary over the term of the contract, an initial Aircraft Flying Time of 900hrs per year is anticipated, with a minimum guaranteed service level set, and a contractual ability to surge if required by the Authority. Parachute training courses will take place at frequent intervals throughout the calendar year. The contractor will be required to airdrop parachutists, trained and despatched, by MOD personnel, using round and square parachutes to cover a variety of activities including Low Level (Static Line), via both side doors and tailgate ramp, and Medium and HAP freefall from a tailgate ramp from multiple heights up to 20,000 ft

pressure altitude (PA). The parachuting platform should be a recognised parachute training aircraft able to operate by day and night. A Cyber Risk Assessment has been conducted for this requirement to ascertain the level of Cyber Risk present. The result of the assessment is that a Cyber Risk level of 'Very Low' exists and therefore successful respondents invited to the ITT will need to hold a Cyber Essentials Plus certificate and undertake a Cyber Risk Assessment on their proposed supply chain. Respondents can verify their readiness to comply with opportunities bearing this Cyber Risk Level by completing a Cyber Risk Assessment using RAR Code: 334690451 Prospective contractors are required to hold Quality Management System certification to ISO9001:2015 or suitable alternative, with the appropriate scope to deliver contract requirements, issued by a Nationally Accredited Certification Body. You will be required to provide a copy of the certificate(s) as directed by any Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) or Invitation to Tender (ITT) associated with this Notice, and in any event, the winning supplier will be required to provide it for review prior to contract award. The contractual condition for quality will be Allied Quality Assurance Publication AQAP 2310.

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

Options: Yes

Description of these options: 3x 1-year options

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

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

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## **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.

#### **Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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Restricted

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

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

24 July 2023 - 10:59pm

#### **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.3) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.