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Planning

Future Integrated User Services (F-IUS) Mobile Voice and Data Services – Devices & Airtime

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Future Integrated User Services (F-IUS) Mobile Voice and Data Services – Devices & Airtime

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Currently Defence's Fixed Voice (FV) and Video Tele Conferencing (VTC) (at Official, Secret and Above Secret) and Mobile (at Official only) are all services provided by the Integrated User Services (IUS) Contract.

The Future Integrated User Services (F-IUS) Programme will compete and award 5 Contracts to deliver the F-IUS services (Mobile Devices and Airtime, Mobile Management, Voice services at Official, Voice and Video at Secret, and Voice and Video at Above Secret), which will be based on the requirements of the users and to realise opportunities to achieve business benefits, namely to:

- Ensure continuation of services from IUS to the F-IUS provider(s).
- Drive innovation into the programme to take advantage of technological and economic developments within the F-IUS service area.
- Proactively manage obsolescence throughout the life of the contract and for the F-IUS provider(s) to support The Authority in managing any inherited obsolescence or in-flight changes.
- Integrate F-IUS Service Management tools & processes into MOD Operational Service Management (OSM) function and provide adequate interface(s) with Defence Cyber support & monitor systems Operational Support Systems (OSS).
- Provide a Business Support System (BSS) that enables stakeholders' access to procure, change, track & manage the F-IUS contract & services.

The service bundle for mobile devices and airtime is expected to include all aspects of the service associated with the provision of mobile devices and associated airtime, including the provision and repair of devices, the provision of 'airtime' (tariffs and SIMs) and other associated services (including but not limited to call barring, blocking premium rate traffic, call logging, professional services, etc), for a two-year period.

The current IUS Contract is planned to transition the mobile device and airtime services to the F-IUS provider efficiently and in accordance with the F-IUS transition plan. It is expected that transition will have completed by mid 2024.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Refer to II.1.4 (Short Description)

II.2.14) Additional information

The F-IUS Team held a virtual Industry Day for F-IUS on the 19th October 2021 (Advertised under PIN Reference 2021/S 000-022596). Non-participation in the previously held Industry engagement does not prevent any supplier from expressing an interest in this procurement. This PIN is not an invitation to submit an Expression of Interest. In line with Government Policy to use pan Government Frameworks

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 October 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The Contracting Authority intends to use the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise. 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.