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## **VIRTUS Re-Compete**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046b67

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Contact**

Rodney Gardiner

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

VIRTUS Re-Compete

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

- 18143000 - Protective gear

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

Supplies

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

The VIRTUS soldier system is a comprehensive system of integrated combat and protective

gear developed by Source to cope with the challenges and needs of the modern infantry soldier in today's battlefield. It is the world's first integrated load carriage and protection system.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Torso Sub System

Head Sub System

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Torso Sub System

Lot No

1

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

- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18931100 - Rucksacks
- 18934000 - Kitbags
- 18936000 - Textile bags
- 33735100 - Protective goggles
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing
- 35811300 - Military uniforms

- 35812200 - Combat suits
- 35812300 - Combat gear
- 35813100 - Helmet covers
- 35815100 - Bullet-proof vests

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Virtus Torso Sub System - This will be a Build To Print solution with Technical Data Packs provided by the Authority.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract will be for 5 years + 5 x 1 Year Options

Estimated Value is between £62,000,000 and £210,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Head Sub System

Lot No

2

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

- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18444110 - Helmets
- 33735100 - Protective goggles

- 35812200 - Combat suits
- 35812300 - Combat gear
- 35813100 - Helmet covers

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Head Sub System - This will be a requirements based specification provided by the Authority.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract will be for 5 years + 5 x 1 Year Options

Estimated Value is between £41,600,000 and £140,000,000

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 August 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Authority is aware that misinformation has circulated regarding the VIRTUS Re compete procurements and is publishing this PIN in order to provide clarity to the market. Whilst the project is aware of the Land Industrial Strategy, at present there is no directive for the VIRTUS project to focus upon sourcing exclusively from the UK.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Virtus Re-Compete.