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### **Planning**

# **VIRTUS Re-Compete**

Ministry of Defence

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

### I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### Contact

**Rodney Gardiner** 

#### **Email**

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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

# **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

### 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

### 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

The Authority is aware that misinformation has circulated regarding the VIRTUS Recompete 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.