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Planning

SWESS light Inline Framework 1st Entry Opportunity

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

SWESS light Inline Framework 1st Entry Opportunity

Reference number

708258454

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

To allow suppliers to tender a SWESS Light system for inclusion within the existing 3 SWESS Light Framework Agreements.

Existing SWESS Framework Agreements:

SWESS Light Night Sight (PQQ & ITT Code 703439450) Notice reference: 2022/S 000-032748) 703439450 SWESS Light Night Sight - Find a Tender (find-tender.service.gov.uk)

SWESS Light In-Line Sight (PQQ & ITT Code 703437450) Notice reference: 2022/S 000-007979 703437450, SWESS Light Inline Sight - Find a Tender (find-tender.service.gov.uk)

SWESS Light Battlesight (PQQ & ITT Code 703440450) Notice reference: 2022/S 000-007973 703440450-CN SWESS Light Battle Sight - Find a Tender (find-tender.service.gov.uk)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In November 2022 the Dismounted Close Combat (DCC) Project Team awarded Framework Agreements for the following variants of sighting system for use on the General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG):

SWESS Light Night Sight: Zero-light (thermal) sighting system;

SWESS Light In-Line Sight: Zero to day light (thermal in line with direct view optic) sighting system;

SWESS Light Battlesight – Quick acquisition day optic.

Within the original SWESS Light Framework competitions the Authority stated Industry would be invited to re-tender for the 3 Framework Agreements at periodic intervals within the 7 year contract duration. This would allow Industry to make available the most up-to-date capability for the Military Customer to be able to select from. The Authority is correspondingly initiating this process with a view to performing it yearly, with the following indicative timelines for the 1st Re-Tender Round:

Dynamic Pre-Qualifier Questionnaire (DPQQ) issue: July 23

Invitation To Tender (ITT) issue: August 23

Range evaluation of Key requirements using (on loan) trial systems: September/October 23;

Evaluation of tender documentation: September - October 23;

Framework awards: November 23.

The re-tender process will be in accordance with the original requirements.

Tenderers will be required to have their products available for delivery to the Authority by the end of September for trials being conducted in October. The trials date will not be changed.

It is important to note that although a product may be successful in getting through and placed onto the framework, there is no guarantee that this shall result in an order being placed.

II.2.14) Additional information

Interested companies are not required to take any immediate action but should monitor the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) for the publication of the DPQQs for the 3 SWESS Light Framework Agreements.

Suppliers already on the 3 SWESS Light Frameworks Agreements wishing to supply new products are not required to respond to the DPQQ or subsequent Invitation to Tender.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 July 2023

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