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Planning

ESND - Provision of Electronic Counter Measures (ECM)

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/fcdo

Buyer's address

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ESND - Provision of Electronic Counter Measures (ECM)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35730000 - Electronic warfare systems and counter measures

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of PIN is for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to

gauge the current market to identify suitable UK manufacturers of next generation Electronic Counter Measures (ECM) equipment for future procurement activity.

The FCDO seeks to engage with UK ECM equipment manufacturers who have developed and are currently manufacturing next generation commercial off the shelf (COTS) ECM equipment in the UK. Engagement is requested from UK companies that hold UK List X status and who are currently manufacturing next generation ECM equipment at a technology readiness level (TRL) of 8 (TRL 8 – actual technology completed and qualified through test and demonstration).

The FCDO utilises ECM in some operational environments in civilian armoured vehicles (CAV) and is seeking to engage with suppliers of ECM systems to replace the current capability with a next generation ECM system, which must meet the following criteria:

1. The ECM System must be UK manufactured.
2. The capability must be evergreen. It must be modular and upgradeable to facilitate capability uplift in the face of new or emerging threats.
3. The system must be able to operate within a frequency range of 20Mhz to 6Ghz and be extendible should the FCDO wish to add additional modules to increase the system capability beyond 6Ghz if required.
4. The ECM systems must be designed using open architecture protocols and standards.
5. The system must be reconfigurable and programmable within the area of operations to implement an appropriate threat response to defeat existing or new threat systems.
6. It is desirable for the system be able to detect and log threat frequency equipment activation events when the system is in operation (providing inhibition) and record these events by frequency and GPS location to assist in developing a location specific threat map. Information should be able to be viewed post mission with generic or supplier provided digital mapping software.
7. The supplier must have a pedigree in the supply of ECM systems to NATO countries and be able to evidence previous installations in CAVs and the integration of other vehicle systems such as radio communications and tracking equipment.
8. The supplier will be required to integrate and maintain the ECM system and FCDO CAV communications and tracking systems for a minimum of 5 years and have a pedigree in supporting their systems in a similar manner.
9. The supplier must be prepared to have their ECM system independently assessed for technical capability at no cost to the FCDO.

The FCDO plans to tender the requirement for up to 100 systems in September 2021. FCDO will not hold a supplier day prior to the ITT release date and the ITT will be restricted to those bidders identified as having the technical capability and ECM systems that meet the baseline requirements listed above.

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)

- 35730000 - Electronic warfare systems and counter measures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2021

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please indicate your interest in participating in this procurement process by registering on the FCDO portal at <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Accessing Jaggaer Advantage Portal

This requires Two Factor Authentication (2FA). The process for Jaggaer 2FA works as follows.

1. Log into the FCDO portal via the web login page, (requires registration first time which is free and instantaneous) enter your username and password. This is your first form of authentication.
2. You will then be presented with a QR code to scan. This requires a mobile phone with the Google or Microsoft Authenticator App.
3. Upon scanning the QR code with Google or Microsoft Authenticator you are presented with a code.
4. The code must be entered into the Token Number field within the allotted time. You must then select the “Submit” button on the right hand side of the screen to complete the second form of authentication which completes the Jaggaer login process.
5. For all future logins you will not be required to scan the QR code and instead can navigate to the Google or Microsoft Authenticator App and enter the current token into the Token Number field.