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## **Obsolescence Rectification and Re-Design of TMCC with In Service Support**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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**For the attention of**

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**Email(s)**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Obsolescence Rectification and Re-Design of TMCC with In Service Support

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Transportable Manned Compression Chambers (TMCC) are a transportable therapeutic compression chamber used for medically treating divers with decompression illnesses. There are two variants of this design – ship-fits and containerised. Ship-fits are designed to be secured to the weather deck of a ship, mounted and secured on shock mounts. The containerised version is identical in operation, apart from it is fitted within an ISO container and has additional systems, e.g., air conditioning.

The TMCCs were procured in the late 1990s and are outfitted with both an electronic atmospheric control system and an emergency manually operated built in breathing system. The electronics and systems fitted for Atmospheric Control / Breathing System (AC/BS) and analysing the chamber's gas contents have become obsolete. This obsolescence has impacted the Authority's ability to refurbish and repair the equipment.

To address the obsolescence issue, Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Salvage and Maritime Organisation (SALMO) Delivery Team (DT) is considering retrofitting (including the design and installation) the current fleet of TMCCs with modern Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) systems. The Authority's definition of retrofitting is to identify suitable systems and design the integration / installation of equipment to the current fleet of TMCCs. This shall include, but not be limited to, systems for automated atmospheric control, breathing systems, gas monitoring and chamber dive logging. This contract will also aim to modernise auxiliary equipment fitted; examples of these items would be internal lighting, telephone system and air conditioning units.

In addition to the obsolescence rectification, there is a requirement to provide continual in-

service support for a period of 5 years with the potential for three additional one-year Option periods. This shall provide the Authority with technical assistance, management and provisioning of spares / repairs / refurbishments, project management and support to meetings.

It is intended that there will be an option within the contract to review the ship-fit TMCCs and determine if they can fitted into or within a transportable ISO container.

Tentative dates to note (subject to change):

Equipment Familiarisation Days: September 2023

Issue of Invitation to Tender (ITT): November 2023

Contract Award: April 2024

#### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 98363000 - Diving services

#### **II.1.7) Information about subcontracting**

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

The tenderer has to indicate any change occurring at the level of subcontractors during the execution of the contract

The contracting authority/entity may oblige the successful tenderer to award all or certain subcontracts

#### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

#### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

5 years, with the potential for three one-year option periods.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£8,000,000

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.2) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1) Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal
- Click the “Click here to register” link
- Accept the terms and conditions and click “continue”
- Enter your correct business and user details
- Note the username you chose and click “Save” when complete
- You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender

- Login to the portal with the username/password
- Click the "PQQs Open to All Suppliers" link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires open to any registered supplier)
- Click on the relevant PQQ to access the content.
- Click the “Express Interest” button in the “Actions” box on the left-hand side of the page.
- This will move the PQQ into your “My PQQs” page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only)

- Click on the PQQ code, you can now access any attachments by clicking the “Settings and Buyer Attachments” in the “Actions” box

### 3. Responding to the tender

- You can now choose to “Reply” or “Reject” (please give a reason if rejecting)
- You can now use the ‘Messages’ function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification
- Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ
- There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available)

If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

### **Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Negotiated

#### **IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 2 and maximum number 4

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

21 July 2023 - 5:00pm

#### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

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

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.