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Tender

Remote Sensor Network

Ministry of Defence

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Ministry of Defence

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Bristol

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For the attention of

Macsadjo Princess

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)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

Remote Sensor Network

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Bristol

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 7

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£18,000,000

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

DE&S Specialist Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search (EOD&S), Exploitation and Countermeasure (SEEC) team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (The Authority) intends to competitively assess, select and award a contract to a prime contractor for the

development and integration of multiple aspect remote sensors and their associated networks (RSN) in the field of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNe). To include but not limited to as below.

- Bodyworn; for the use in conjunction with a variety of soldier systems monitoring the individual's metrics and the surrounding environmental area.
- Mounted; for use on multiple manned and unmanned platforms, to aid in situational awareness, protective monitoring and risk reduction
- Remote; for deployment as part of a wider sensor network or as a stand-alone node to allow long range, remote environmental monitoring and alerting in both permissive and non-permissive areas.
- Provide in-service support for both existing equipment and new equipment procured throughout the contract term. In-service support includes, but is not limited to; provision of spares, repairs, quality management, safety management, obsolescence management.
- Identification, procurement and testing of new RSN capabilities to take advantage of emerging technology to meet operational requirements and deliver value for money.
- Modification and integration of COTS sensors into a single system architecture
- Data retrieval from in-service networks and analysis of that data.
- Design and development and manufacture of new RSN and associated network capacity to include but not limited to novel navigation technology.

The Authority reserves the right to expand on the requirement at any point in line with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Expanding on the requirement is at the Authority's discretion, and may occur for several reasons including, but not limited to, emerging User group urgent requirement in line with remote sensors and their associated networks (RSN) in the field of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNe).

The competition is exempt from Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 in accordance with regulation 7(1)(a) for national security reasons. The classification of the requirements supported under this contract are SECRET UK Eyes Only. Therefore, the successful Contractor will be required to hold Facility Security Clearance (FSC) by Contract Award (estimated June 2024). Contractors without FSC may apply for provisional FSC status to allow the exchange of classified documents during the tendering phase but the winning contractor will be required to have full FSC in place by Contract Award. Further information on FSC can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defence-equipment-and-support-principal-security-advisor>

The Authority intends to award the contract by June 2024, with a five-year fixed term contract and two additional option years. The Authority reserves the right as its absolute discretion, to not take up any or all the option(s). Further information on the option(s) will be provided in the invitation to negotiate.

The overall value of the Contract (including any options) is estimated to be £18M (EX VAT).

The full requirement will be issued in the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN), and suppliers will be given appropriate time to respond with their tenders.

The Authority shall take forward a maximum of eight suppliers that have provided a compliant response to the PQQ. The eight highest scoring compliant suppliers will be invited to negotiate. The Authority is intending to hold an Industry Day following completion of the Supplier Selection phase of the competition. Full details will be provided to those suppliers that are successful at PQQ.

The Cyber Risk Level for this procurement is 'Low'

The Risk Assessment Reference (RAR) is RAR-554484852.

A full description of the Cyber Risk levels is available at DEFSTAN 05-138. Potential providers should make themselves familiar with the requirement against the profile assessment for this risk level.

The below dates are the anticipated timeframe of this procurement:

DPQQ Return to MOD – 07/08/2023

Invitation to Negotiate - 15/09/2023

Anticipated Date of Contract Award - 25/06/2024

You may express your interest in this requirement by completing the Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) found at <https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55901>

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 35125100 - Sensors

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35711000 - Command, control, communication systems
- 35712000 - Tactical command, control and communication systems

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

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information

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III.1.5) Information about security clearance

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 24 June 2024

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.

The Defence Opportunities Notice for this procurement can be found here:
<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55901>

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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III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire

III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity

Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire

Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire

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 number of operators: 8

IV.3) Administrative information

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

7 August 2023 - 12:00pm

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

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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