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Planning

708266450 Project BOREALIS

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/toolkit/opportunity/current/56478/detail.si>

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Project Borealis - provision of IT/software capability

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK MOD and United Kingdom Space Agency (UKSA) joint Project BOREALIS has been initiated to develop the core systems for a civil-military National Space Operations Centre (NSpOC). The required software will generate Space Domain Awareness and Space Command and Control, combining and coordinating civilian and military capabilities

to enable all Space Operations.

The BOREALIS system will process and collate information, across multiple classifications, up to Top Secret (TS), in order to monitor the space domain, conduct space operations and support timely decision making in collaboration with allies and partners. . It will integrate multiple current and future systems and sensors as well as other data sources. It will incorporate the functionality of the current in-service system AURORA which will feed into BOREALIS and will need to be developed and supported alongside the creation of new system and functionality.

Rapid, flexible, iterative development of capability to meet the evolving demands of operators in a rapidly changing domain will be central to successful delivery. The project will therefore run using the Agile methodology; regular sprints will be held to detail the current priorities.

II.2.14) Additional information

All budgetary references are indicative at this stage and are subject to Authority spend approvals - subject to change

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 June 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

An Industry Day will be taking place in Bristol on the 12th July 2023. There will be 2 sessions during the day

(Session 1: 10:00 – 13:00, Session 2: 14:00 – 17:00). At this event we will be providing detail on the capability

roadmap, requirements, security, commercial strategy, and Agile delivery, with the opportunity to ask questions

and provide comments. We encourage organisations to provide questions and comments before, during and

after the industry Day (either via email or SLIDO) to help us ensure the requirements set in the competition are

clearly understand, appropriate and achievable.

If your organisation would like to attend, please email the contact above specifying your preferred session.

Due to limitation on seating only 1 individual per organisation will be permitted. The event will be classified

Official Sensitive and therefore is a requirement for confirmation of extant Security Clearance (BPSS as a minimum)

to be provided and checked prior to attendance at the event. Your registration will only be confirmed once checks

have been completed. Information from the event can be shared with Organisations not meeting the minimum Security Clearance who are unable to attend the event. The closing date for confirming attendance and providing SC clearance will be 17:00hrs (BST) Thursday 6th July 23.