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## **707251450 DF080 AOLB Archive Digitilisation**

Ministry of Defence

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03df5b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Corsham

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##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

##### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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#### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55964>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **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**

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Agreement, which is segregated into two LOTS (LOT 1 will be Proof of Concept and LOT 2 will be Scale & Operationalisation).

The use case is as follows: A software solution is required to provide robust search and optical character recognition (OCR) functionality over digitised documents and their metadata to meet legal standards. Documents must be searchable to a degree of accuracy that meets ISO 10002 and the solution must support both filtering on metadata and search over textual document content.

This Contract Notice is to inform the Market the DPQQ is now live for this opportunity. Please follow the URL

(<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55964>) for further information.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

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Lot No

1

### **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**

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

This work will include activities classified up to OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE. Server Farms must be located within the United Kingdom. All personnel engaged on this requirement must at a minimum have current Security Check clearance or be willing and able to obtain such clearance before commencing work on the requirement.

Security conditions are located in the Qualification envelope of the DPQQ.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

N/A

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

4 August 2023

Local time

11:59pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Supplier selection will take place in the following sequence:

1. Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) responses will be evaluated and a maximum of ten suppliers will be selected to participate in the ITN process.
2. ITN responses will be evaluated and following any negotiations a minimum of three suppliers will be selected to demonstrate their Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) products.
3. The demonstrations will then be evaluated and following any further negotiations, the Authority intends to award Framework contracts.

Without commitment:

4. The Authority will proceed to run a Further Competition on LOT 1 of the Framework, where selected suppliers will be individually tasked to deliver a Proof of Concept (POC) under this LOT.
5. The outcomes of the POC's will be evaluated and one supplier will be awarded onto LOT 2 of the Framework, where the Authority will be able to operationalise the solution - in accordance with the Framework T&C's, which will be provided at ITN stage.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence, Defence Digital

Corsham

Country

United Kingdom