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Tender

Procurement and Support of a Link 16 Network Management System (NMS)

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)

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For the attention of

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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)

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

Procurement and Support of a Link 16 Network Management System (NMS)

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

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Authority (DE&S) has a requirement to procure and support a Link 16 Network Monitoring and Management System and a Joint Range Extension Applications Protocol (JREAP) Network Monitoring System. The Link 16 Network Management and Monitoring System will monitor and enforce the Frequency Clearance Agreement (FCA) between the MOD and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), display Link 16 messages/emissions that platforms transmit during operations and exercises, display areas that limit the use of Link 16 within their boundaries and highlight to the operator if such an area has been impinged. The JREAP Networking Monitoring System will monitor Link 16 information flow from Satellite Tactical Datalinks allowing the Joint Data Link Monitoring Organisation (JDLMO) to analyse the data. The equipment will be installed at up to 8 sites across the UK (2 network management and up to 6 remote terminal components) providing complete UK airspace coverage. In addition to the UK fixed sites there is a requirement for a deployable Network Management System capable of supporting 2 concurrent deployments.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 72315200 - Data network management 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

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £1,000,000 and £6,000,000

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of these options: 2 x 6 month extension options will be included. These options will be defined in the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN).

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Start date: 7 August 2025

End date: 6 August 2027

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required

The Authority reserves the right to require an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the required standard for economic or financial standing.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Payment will be in accordance with the conditions in the contract.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

If a group of economic operators submits a bid, the group must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Authority. The Authority shall require the group to form a legal entity before entering 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

The Authority reserves the right to incorporate a Security Aspects Letter into the contract, in addition to other security related Terms and Conditions. The Authority also reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific proactive markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

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

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

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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: A financial assessment that is proportionate to the proposed contract will be undertaken on the supplier's financial status. An overall PASS / FAIL judgement will be made after considering areas such as turnover, profit, net assets, liquidity, gearing and capacity. This assessment will include the Parent company, where applicable. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organisation may be utilised as part of this process.

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: Criteria is set out in the Link 16 Network Management System PQQ Guidance Issue 1.0 dated 26th June 2024.

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

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Interested suppliers are required to complete the PQQ to provide information that allows the Authority to evaluate the capacities and capabilities against the selection criteria set out within the PQQ.

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

Contract No 711272450

For info SACC DT has assigned 'SACC/00105' to all tender documentation as an internal reference number

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

31 July 2024 - 12:00pm

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

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The Prior Information Notice (PIN) will be published towards the end of 2025 for a 5 year competitive contract with options based on an updated requirement.

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 Authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of Tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

The Cyber Risk Level for the project has been assessed as Low.