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Planning

Future Ground Search Programme

Ministry of Defence

F16: Prior information 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)

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/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

Future Ground Search Programme

II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: Yes

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

Prior Information Notice (PIN) for Future Ground Search (FGS) Programme Part 3

Reference: PIN 1-

FTS: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/016365-2024>

CF: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a5324c0e-8d34-48da-bfe5-f6a37e10e33d>

Following the completion of the Industry Day on 15th August 2024 for the FGS Projects 1 (Handheld Metal, Non-Metal Detector) and Project 2 (Handheld Complex Terrain Metal Detector) the Specialist Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search, Exploitation & Countermeasures (SEEC) Delivery Team (DT) would like to invite Industry to attend part 3 of the Early Market Engagement events, the Demonstration Day, as advertised in above mentioned PIN 1.

****See Additional Information section for full information on the Demonstration Day and how to register****

Estimated value excluding VAT

£45,000,000

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38546100 - Bomb detectors

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35124000 - Metal detectors

II.7) Additional information

Suppliers are invited to demonstrate their equipment to provide the Authority further understanding of their capabilities. It will provide an opportunity to offer further information about their company, demonstrate their equipment in a range of training environments, and discuss the overall projects with the SEEC DT. There will also be the opportunity to discuss their capabilities, and further understand requirements for the projects, with members of the user community who will be in attendance.

The event will take place in Bicester, southeast England and be over a two (2) day period, 1st and 2nd October 2024, with Eight (8), 2-hour slots being made available. One (1) slot is available to each supplier, with a maximum three (3) attendees. This event is limited to eight (8) sessions and will be allocated on first come, first serve basis. Suppliers will have the opportunity to present their company and equipment to the delivery team including members of the user community, before moving into a training environment to

demonstrate their systems' capabilities. No equipment or targets will be provided by the Authority at the Demonstration Day, these are to be provided by the suppliers.

The event will be classified as Official-Sensitive. There is a requirement for confirmation of extant Security Clearance (BPSS or equivalent as a minimum) to be provided by the supplier for all individuals prior to their attendance at the event.

If you are unable to attend the demonstration event, SEEC DT may visit your establishment if possible. This is subject to availability therefore attendance at the demonstration event is highly encouraged.

The participation in the event is not mandated, all information provided at each Early Market Engagement Stage shall not be used by the Authority to down select or evaluate suppliers. It shall only be used to help inform the development of the requirements and contracting strategy only.

Should your organisation wish to attend the event, please contact the following email address to - DESLESTSP-SEEC-Commercial@mod.gov.uk with your three (3) attendees Full Names and clearance references by no later than 29th August 2024. Only upon confirmation of the relevant security clearance by the Authority, will you be fully registered for the event and reserve a slot.

Further information around, directions, environmental terrain and general housekeeping will be provided once registration is confirmed.

In issuing this PIN, The Authority is not committing to commence with any procurement in relation to the requirements stated in this PIN. Accordingly, any expenditure, work or effort undertaken before contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Notice number: [2024/S 000-016365](#) of 23 May 2024

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) 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.