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Planning

707397450- Procurement and In-Service Support for Radiological and Nuclear Detector

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

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General address of the contracting authority/entity

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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

Section II: Object

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

707397450- Procurement and In-Service Support for Radiological and Nuclear Detector

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

Supplies

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Please see original PIN reference: 2023/S 000-009740 and 2023/S 000-0115

The DE&S Specialist Explosive Ordnance and Disposal (EOD), Exploitation and

Countermeasures (SEEC) Delivery Team (DT) have initiated a project for the Procurement and In-Service Support of a Radiological and Nuclear detector. The user group require the equipment to be capable of detecting both Gamma and Neutron

emissions, monitor radiation levels to allow localisation of source and identify radioactive isotopes. A key component of the capability is that it can be mounted permanently (if required) onto the L3Harris T7 remote control vehicle (RCV). Furthermore, the capability must be able to display the information in real time to operators at the Incident control point (ICP) location and not hinder the routine operations of the RCV. The aspiration is that the detector can interface (through both software & hardware) with the L3Harris T7 and therefore prospective interested parties in this upcoming tender need to be content with sharing and collaboration activity with L3Harris to maximise this integration. Moreover, equipment testing at ITT and post contract award by DE&S may be required.

The current assumption is that the solution is likely to be Modified Off The Shelf (MOTS) and will include a requirement for through-life support for the capability. Through-life support will include spares, repairs, software updates, safety and configuration/obsolescence management. The expectation is this capability will be in-service 2025 – 2035 although this is subject to change.

Full details shall be included at the Contract Notice and Invitation to Tender phase of the competition.

The classification of the requirement is up to and including OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE.

Please see 'Additional Information' section for Industry Day and DSEI information.

Estimated value excluding VAT

£4,500,000

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 35113200 - Nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological protection equipment

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35000000 - Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials
- 75221000 - Military defence services

II.6) Scheduled date for start of award procedures and duration of the contract

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

II.7) Additional information

Procurement Timescales & Contract Value

The estimated total contract value is circa £4.5m ex VAT for a 5 year contract with the option to extend for a further 2 years. Estimated timescales are Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) early 2024, Invite to Tender (ITT) early to mid 2024 and Contract Award (CA) by late 2024.

Industry Day

The Industry Day will take place in Bristol on Monday 16th October 2023 and will be an 'in-person' event.

The Industry Day is a briefing from the Authority to Industry, during which the Authority will describe the requirement and integration strategy. The day will consist of a presentations, talks and Q&A sessions in which industry participation is encouraged. There will also be an opportunity to view the STARTER system with a demonstration and talk being provided by L3 Harris. We will invite Industry comments in relation to both the operational, and procurement and commercial strategies. All information gathered will be taken into consideration and may inform the future strategy of the programme, however, this is not guaranteed. A follow up document containing key information from the day will be provided to all attendees after the event. Commercially sensitive information will not be shared.

The Specialist Explosive Ordnance and Disposal (EOD) Delivery Team, Specialist Autonomous Mobility (SAM) Delivery Team, Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) and L3 Harris will be in attendance.

Should your Organisation wish to attend the Industry Day please contact the following email address to register your interest: toni.stadon100@mod.gov.uk . Please note, applications to attend this Industry Day will not be accepted after Monday 2nd October 2023 at midday.

Industry attendance will be limited to two (2) attendees per company due to limited capacity.

The event will be classified Official Sensitive, therefore there is a requirement for confirmation of extant Security Clearance (SC or equivalent as a minimum) to be provided prior to attendance at the event. Please include the full names, date of birth and nationality of attendees. Non-UK companies are required to provide confirmation of the Security Clearance of attendees and contact information of their Branch Security Officer (BSO). Information from the event cannot be shared with Organisations that do not meet the minimum Security Clearance that were unable to attend the event.

Further information, including an agenda and discussion topics will be provided in good time following registration and confirmation of relevant security clearances.

DSEI

The Specialist Explosive Ordnance and Disposal (EOD) Delivery Team will be attending DSEI on the 12th and 13th of September 2023. If you would like the opportunity to meet the team please email toni.stadon100@mod.gov.uk to arrange a suitable time. Please note, additional information will not be shared, this is a 'meet and greet' only.

Further Information

You must not take this announcement to mean confirmation that MOD shall award a contract for this requirement. The MOD is publishing this announcement without any commitment to issue a tender or place a contract. Accordingly, any expenditure, work or effort undertaken before contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

Section IV: Procedure

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.