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Planning

Procurement and In-Service Support for a Person-Portable Identification Capability for Particles, Vapours and Bulk Explosive Material

Ministry of Defence

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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

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://www.des.mod.uk/>

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:

Procurement and In-Service Support for a Person-Portable Identification Capability for Particles, Vapours and Bulk Explosive Material

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: No

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

Specialist Explosive Ordnance Demolition, Exploitation & Countermeasures (SEEC) Delivery Team (DT) – the Authority - are considering initiating a project to procure and support explosive material identification equipment. The MOD requires a person-portable, deployable and robust identification capability that allows explosive samples to be placed directly onto a surface, and a person-portable, deployable and robust through barrier identification capability to conduct search of buildings and other infrastructure to give immediate indication of the presence or lack of explosive material for common and bespoke explosive threat substances, or components thereof, permitting subsequent activity. The Authority will be purchasing 60 detectors to equip 60 search teams. The capabilities may be delivered by separate pieces of equipment or combined within one piece of equipment. The requirement will also include an in-service package which may include but not limited to: spares provision, repairs services, safety and environmental management, obsolescence management, technical support etc.

The intention is to award a 5-year contract plus 2 option years to a supplier for each capability deliver this requirement. The estimated value of this requirement is £13M.

Please see 'Additional Information' section for early market engagement details.

In issuing this PIN, The Authority is not committing to commence with any procurement in

relation to the requirements stated in this PIN.

Estimated value excluding VAT

£13,000,000

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38431100 - Gas-detection apparatus

Additional CPV code(s)

- 31642400 - Detection apparatus for non-metallic objects
- 38543000 - Gas-detection equipment
- 38544000 - Drug detection apparatus
- 38546100 - Bomb detectors
- 90731500 - Toxic gas detection 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

Early Market Engagement

The Authority is interested in understanding the capabilities in the market to help inform the development of the requirement. Early Market Engagement will be conducted in two parts:

Supplier Briefs

Please provide a brief of up to 750 words detailing your capability and potential solutions to the requirement along with a price list and any potential risk/ issues that the Authority should consider. Your brief should be addressed to Maia.Harris135@mod.gov.uk. Please provide your brief no later than 30 September 2023.

As a minimum, your brief should address the following aspects:

Questions:

What potential solutions are available to meet the requirement as stated in this PIN? Please provide information to support including any brochures (including technical information), and supplementary information if required.

Please provide specific information on the product maturity/ technology readiness level.

What are the estimated delivery timescales to deliver 60 pieces of equipment for the 2 capabilities detailed from order through to delivery?

What are the estimated costs per unit at the market price?

DSEI 2023

There will be an opportunity to arrange a meet and greet representatives of the SEEC DT at DSEI in London on the 12th September 2023. Please contact Maia Harris to arrange a meeting. Requests will be treated on a first come first serve basis, due to the limited availability during DSEI not all requests may be able to be accommodated.

All information provided at this stage shall not be used by the Authority to down select but shall help inform the development of the requirement and contracting strategy only.

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Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

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

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.