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Planning

708488450 - Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) Transition Phase

Directed Energy Weapons Team

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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United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://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

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:

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II.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

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

The Directed Energy Weapons team, part of Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), is seeking feedback from Suppliers who may be interested in supporting the development of Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) capabilities, part of the MOD DEW programme. We expect this programme to support the development and delivery into service of Laser DEW (LDEW) and Radio Frequency DEW (RFDEW) systems over the next 5-10 years

DE&S would like to hear from interested Suppliers at all supply chain levels to inform upcoming Procurement Strategy decisions for the DEW programme. Specifically, we would like to gauge industrial interest, capability, capacity and views on the potential approach to the next phase of the programme.

Interested Suppliers should login to the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) to locate the Opportunity Notice and access the DEW Industry Briefing Note (hyperlink below) and link to the Request for Information (RFI) Questionnaire. Interested Suppliers should complete the RFI and email Andrew.Thompson513@mod.gov.uk to authenticate the submission on behalf of the Company, by 29 Sep 2023.

DSP Opportunity Notice Link -

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=56925>

This PIN and the associated RFI do NOT form part of any competitive Procedure or formal launch of a requirement. Responses to the PIN and RFI are not mandated. Any

information you submit will be considered solely for the purposes of building a greater understanding of the potential marketplace, and industry's ability to support the DEW programme. Supplier specific information provided through this process will not be shared or distributed directly to other Supplier but may be used by MOD to inform the DEW Procurement Strategy. Any information provided by Suppliers in response to this RFI will not be used as part of any future competitive procurement exercise and the Authority may ask for similar information to be provided as part of a response to a competitive exercise.

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35710000 - Command, control, communication and computer systems
- 35720000 - Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance
- 35730000 - Electronic warfare systems and counter measures
- 38636100 - Lasers
- 38636110 - Industrial lasers
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 72228000 - Hardware integration consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 73410000 - Military research and technology
- 73436000 - Test and evaluation of military electronic systems

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

Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Section IV: Procedure

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.