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Planning

Future Ground Search Project

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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Country

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Address of the buyer profile

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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:

Future Ground Search Project

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

Specialist Explosive Ordnance Demolition, Exploitation & Countermeasures (SEEC) Delivery Team (DT) are considering initiating a project to procure a suite of handheld detectors to provide the backbone for specialist and intermediate search users in Defence.

The MOD requires a suite of ground search detectors to provide the following:

A single detector to provide a crush wire, low metal, no metal and metal detect capability (est. Qty 1060)

A capability to provide a wide area Ground Penetrating Radar (est. qty x20) / deep buried detect with bore hole capability (est. qty 130)

A capability to provide a pinpoint metal detect (est. Qty 525)

A capability to provide localised crush wire (est. Qty 1030) / metal detect (est. Qty 115)

A capability to provide passive / active wire detect (est. Qty 250)

The Authority will be purchasing detectors to equip advance and intermediate search teams across Defence. Each 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 and technical support.

It is expected that this programme will be split into several procurements, with each project having its own schedule. However, the Authority may also look to collate several requirements into fewer contracts wherever those opportunities arise.

Each contract is expected to have a duration of five years with options to extend by an additional two years. The estimated value of this programme in its totality is approximately £100M.

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

£100,000,000

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38546100 - Bomb detectors

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35124000 - Metal detectors

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 requirements. Early Market Engagement will be conducted in two parts:

Supplier Briefs

Please provide a brief of up to 2000 words detailing your capability and potential solutions

to each of the requirements 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 31 October 2023.

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

Questions:

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

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

What are the estimated delivery timescales from order through to delivery? Please base timescales on quantities listed above.

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

What are your thoughts on the Authority collating several requirements together and which requirements may be suitable for that approach?

DSEI 2023

There will be an opportunity to arrange a meet and greet representatives of the SEEC DT at DSEI in London on the 12 September 2023. Please contact Maia Harris to arrange a 30-minute 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.

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.

