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Planning

## **In-Service Support of Hazardous Environmental Search Equipment (HESE)**

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**

Maia Harris

#### **Email(s)**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

## **Address of the buyer profile**

<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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

In-Service Support of Hazardous Environmental Search Equipment (HESE)

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

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

### **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) are considering letting a new in-service support contract for its suite of Hazardous Environmental Search Equipment (HESE), which is made up of x18 kits.

Each kit may include (may be subject to change), but is not limited to, the below:

Lifting Equipment (Must be able to provide LOLA compliant servicing and certification)

Hazardous Environment PPE

Breathing Apparatus

Resuscitators (Refilling of Pharmaceutical Grade O2)

Luno Communications System

Gas Monitor Detection

Lighting

Ropes

The contract may include but not limited to spares provision, additional purchases, repairs services, safety and environmental management, obsolescence management and technical support.

The contract is expected to have a duration of five years with x2, 1 year options to extend. The estimated value of this contract including option years is approximately £4.5M. Estimated timeframe is to issue DPQQ is December 2023.

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**

£4,500,000

**Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance 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 requirements. Early Market Engagement will be conducted in two parts:

### Supplier Briefs

Please provide a brief of up to 750 words detailing your support solutions 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](mailto:Maia.Harris135@mod.gov.uk). Please provide your brief no later than 20 October 2023.

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

### Questions:

1. How do you plan to support this equipment? i.e sub-contract vs support yourselves
2. What are the estimated delivery timescales from repairs?
3. What are the estimated costs for 6 monthly/annual servicing of these sorts of items?
4. Do you already support similar equipment or have done in the past?

### 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 15-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.

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## **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](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.