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Tender

Future Protected Modem - Type A (FPM-A)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Ministry of Defence

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Corsham

SN13 9NR

Contact

N/A

For the attention of

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/035548190183A8723BEE>

Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

N/A

I.3) Main activity

Defence

Other activity

N/A

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

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II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Ministry of Defence, Defence Digital

MOD Corsham

Corsham

SN13 9NR

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£136,000,000

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

BACKGROUND:

As the current assets under the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) SKYNET programme move towards their end of life, procurements have been identified to ensure next generation replacement equipment is available to maintain or improve the MOD's communication capability. Within this context, the FPM project is to replace the role of the current Paradigm Modem Systems.

SCOPE:

A new military modem system is required to ensure continuity of satellite communications through the end of life of the Skynet 5 series of satellites and the introduction of the new Skynet 6A satellite, which is due to enter service in 2026. The Authority's preferred option is to procure a Military-Off-The-Shelf (MOTS) solution to replace the existing modem systems, which is the subject of this procurement. Please refer to Section 2 of the 'Dynamic Pre-Qualifying Questionnaire – Additional Information' for more information

REGULATORY EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS INFORMATION:

This procurement is not subject to the application of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR) pursuant to Regulation 7(1)(a) DSPCR in conjunction with Regulation 6(3A)(a) DSPCR in order to protect the essential security interests of the UK. The obligations, rights and remedies under the PCR and/or DSPCR therefore do not apply to this procurement.

PROCEDURE:

Negotiated

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 32531000 - Satellite communications equipment

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 216 (from the award of the contract)

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Personal situation

Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal
- Click the “Click here to register” link
- Accept the terms and conditions and click “continue”
- Enter your correct business and user details
- Note the username you chose and click “Save” when complete
- You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender

- Login to the portal with the username/password
- Click the "PQQs Open to All Suppliers" link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires open to any registered supplier)
- Click on the relevant PQQ to access the content.
- Click the “Express Interest” button in the “Actions” box on the left-hand side of the page.
- This will move the PQQ into your “My PQQs” page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only)
- Click on the PQQ code, you can now access any attachments by clicking the “Settings and Buyer Attachments” in the “Actions” box

3. Responding to the tender

- You can now choose to “Reply” or “Reject” (please give a reason if rejecting)
- You can now use the ‘Messages’ function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification
- Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the

PQQ

- There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available)

If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

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III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please see the questions in PQQ 1.6, PART 1 SECTION D: ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STANDING

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As above

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of subcontractors (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please see the Future Protected Modern Type - A PQQ Qualification Envelope for more details.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As above

III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate

Envisaged number of operators: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Please see sections 2 and 4 – 5 in the FPMA PQQ Instructions and Guidance Documentation for more information. Candidates will be limited to the top five scores.

IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated: no

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

TBD

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

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IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) 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.