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## **CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE EMULATION**

Ministry of Defence

F17: Contract 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)**

Ministry of Defence

HQ Land Warfare Centre, Bldg 95, Waterloo Lines, Imber Road

Warminster

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#### **Contact**

Ashleigh Ely

#### **For the attention of**

Ashleigh Ely

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

[ArmyComrcl-LWC-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ArmyComrcl-LWC-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)****General address of the contracting authority/entity**

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)

**Electronic access to information**

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52731>

**Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate**

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/quest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=52731>

**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**

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 is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

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

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE  
EMULATION

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

Services

Service category No 20: Training and simulation services in the fields of defence and security

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

As per DRAFT Statement of Requirement

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.1.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 60

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

## Project VALKYRIE

Close Air Support/Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (CAS/ISR) emulation on collective training exercises enables Air Land Integration (ALI) training to occur. ALI forms part of the mandatory Collective Training Objectives (CTOs) that Field Army units are validated or certified against on collective training exercises in order to be assessed as capable of holding readiness or deploying on operations. The requirement is for a manned air platform or platforms and aircrew capable of operating to Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) by day or night whilst performing CAS/ISR tasks, to emulate existing and future military manned & unmanned capabilities, in support of exercising troops on CTG exercises, in the UK and overseas.

### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 80650000 - Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

#### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34711300 - Piloted aircraft
- 34711400 - Special-purpose aircraft
- 60444100 - Pilot services

### **II.1.7) Information about subcontracting**

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

The tenderer has to indicate any change occurring at the level of subcontractors during the execution of the contract

### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The contract is for a period of 5 years. There will be one additional option year which the Authority reserves the right to undertake.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £5,000,000 and £10,000,000

### **II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of these options: x1 12 Month Option

### **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: Yes

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

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

A Parent Company Guarantee and/or Performance Bond in a form to be provided by the MoD may be required. Details will be included in the Tender Documentation, if applicable.

#### **III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Potential Providers must note the mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the Contracting, Purchasing & Finance (CP&F) electronic trading tool. All payments for deliverables under the contract shall only be made via CP&F. Details can be found at

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-systems>

#### **III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

In the event of a group provider submitting an acceptable offer, the MoD reserves the right to require the group of bidders to take a legal form or require one bidder to take Prime Contractor responsibility or to require that each member of the group undertakes joint and severable liability for the performance of the agreement and any call-off made under it.

#### **III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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### **III.1.5) Information about security clearance**

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 2 September 2022

## **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: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

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: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

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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: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the PQQ documentation on the

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Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

**III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity**

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

**III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts**

**III.3.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: No

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 3 and maximum number 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As per the PQQ documentation on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

#### **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**

701575645

#### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

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

10 December 2021 - 12:00pm

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

English

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### **Section VI: Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

#### **VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

##### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Army Commercial, Army HQ, Andover

##### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Army Commercial, Army HQ, Andover

##### **VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

Army Commercial, Army HQ, Andover