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Tender

Human Machine Teaming - Enabling Framework (702953450) - Re-opening 1

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/go/494820890183E6E47E0E>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Human Machine Teaming - Enabling Framework (702953450) - Re-opening 1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THIS ADVERT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN THE EXTANT HMT FRAMEWORK ORIGINALLY RELEASED QUARTER 2 2022 (REFERENCE: 702953450). IF YOU ARE ALREADY A PARTICIPANT WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS. THIS PQQ/ITT PROCESS IS FOR NEW ENTRANTS TO THE FRAMEWORK ONLY.

The Human Machine Teaming (HMT) programme collates current lessons from Army's experimentation activity in Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS), and enable rapid iterations, across the full stack of potential capabilities, across a 3-year programme.

This will ensure the necessary stability, time and opportunity to generate sufficient evidence to inform future cost/benefit analysis activity and balance of investment decisions.

HMT is being delivered through a multi supplier Framework Agreement, which is segregated into LOTS. This manages and delivers the continued development and maturation of capabilities and requirements in RAS in accordance with the Strategy outlined in the 'British Army's Approach to RAS'.

This is required to build on the Transformation Fund experimentation completed within the Robotic Platoon Vehicle (RPV), Nano Unmanned Air Systems (nUAS) and Theseus Projects, along with associated learning from Army Warfighting Experiment (AWE) to create operational advantage for land forces, by integrating adaptable RAS within Human Machine Teams, to generate mass and tempo whilst reducing risk.

The framework has a 3 year duration (2.5 years remaining), and is valued at £300M. This programme of work is being delivered by the Expeditionary Robotics Centre of Expertise (ERCoE) using the Future Capability Group's (FCG) novel Buy and Try at Scale Operational(BATSO) commercial model, with sufficient framework headroom, to complete iterative spiral development of technological solutions.

Framework participation will be subject to successfully completing a Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and Invitation toTender (ITT) process.

This will commence with the publication of the PQQ for Human Machine Teaming through the DSP.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HMT LOT 1 - Hardware

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Activity - Hardware LOT.

Encompassing examples such as Uncrewed Ground Vehicles, Uncrewed Air Systems, Payloads, Consumable etc.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 Year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HMT LOT 2 - Software

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HMT LOT 2 - Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Software.

External software, internal systems/platform software, reliability/maintenance analysis software etc.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HMT LOT 3 - Professional & Technical Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HMT LOT 3 - Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Professional & Tech Services.

Design, Safety, Human Factors, Ethics and other contracted/consultancy RAS support activities.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HMT LOT 4 - Enabling & Networks

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HMT LOT 4 - Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Enabling and Networks.

Integration of RAS, Data Management of RAS, communications requirements etc.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) will outline expected selection criteria for suitability of organisations for enrolment to the Framework, and establish those organisations that will be invited to respond to the HMT Invitation to Tender (ITT) for Framework.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Economic Criteria will be outlined in the PQQ published within the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Technical and Professional Criteria will be outlined in the PQQ published within the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

8:00am

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

27 June 2022

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

PQQ will be published through the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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