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## **Military Messaging Phase 2**

Ministry of Defence

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Corsham

##### **Email**

[crystal.struve100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:crystal.struve100@mod.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55074>

#### **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

### **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55074>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55074>

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Military Messaging Phase 2

Reference number

705590452

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72710000 - Local area network services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This procurement is exempt from the DSPCR Regulations due to a National Security Caveat.

Military Messaging (MM) is the replacement system to High Grade Messaging (HGM). HGM enables the communication of time sensitive, Command and Control (C2) information up to TOP SECRET STRAP whilst providing the User with 99.999% availability, non-repudiation and guaranteed delivery. The capability is available globally at all key MOD sites as well as onboard Maritime platforms.

The MM requirement will be delivered under two main Contracts known as MM1 and MM2, with the deliverables for MM1 being the design, testing, integration (to all other connecting systems and HGM itself), accreditation, delivery and management of the Deployable Nodes (Flyaway Kits), installation (to the fixed environment and the Queen Elizabeth Class Carriers) and support of the capability. The competitive procurement for MM1 concluded in Mar 22 with Contract-Award expected in Q3/Q4 2022.

The aim of this project is to replace the Message Handling Systems (MHS) onboard various Royal Naval (RN) & Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) platforms with MM. The currently known ships in scope for MM2 are, but not limited to, as follows;

River Class OPV Batch 1; HMS Mersey, HMS Severn. HMS Tyne.

RFA Bay Class; RFA Cardigan Bay, RFA Mounts Bay, RFA Lyme Bay.

RFA Tide Class; RFA Tideforce, RFA Tiderace, RFA Tidespring, RFA Tidesurge.

The MM2 Contractor Deliverables will consist of:

Production of Installation Solutions (IS) (RFA classes of ship only). The IS is the design pack which comprehensively details how the MM capability is to be integrated onboard a ship and details where all hardware and cabling will be installed onboard.

Fit To Receive (FTR) install (all classes of ship). The 'FTR' install involves installing all MM hardware onboard the ship, including the equipment racks, populating said racks and all MM system User Access Devices (UADs). All MM installations to be carried out at a designated UK Dockyard likely during either a Fleet Time Support Period (FTSP) or during a ships refit period.

The MM2 requirement will also be inclusive of Contract options which will be for the FTR installation onboard additional classes of ship.

Any supplier awarded any Contract as a result of this procurement, will be expected to have ISO 9001:2015 accreditation, or equivalent by Contract Award; the Contractor will also be required to demonstrate compliance with DEFSTAN 00-056. It should also be noted that if the MM solution consist of any International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) controlled information, any supplier awarded a Contract as a result of this procurement must adhere to any ITAR conditions.

Due to the designated Security Grading of this Project, some of the MM2 documentation will be held at SECRET UK EYES ONLY (SUKEO) or above, and therefore the supplier will be required to have the requisite security capability to accommodate such documentation (further detail within the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ)).

The Cyber Threat Risk Level for this requirement is Moderate and therefore the MM2 Contractor will be expected to hold a Cyber Essentials Certificate, as defined in DEFSTAN 05-138 prior to award of any resultant Contract. Applicants successful at PQQ stage shall be required to demonstrate cyber capability for the potential Contract by completing a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire as part of their tender (more information can be found at <https://supplier-cyber-protection.service.gov.uk>).

Suppliers wishing to participate must submit a completed PQQ by 14:00 on 18 November 2022. PQQ responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,700,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Please see description within II.1.4.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,700,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The six (6) candidates with the highest score from the weighted technical question criteria.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension of the Contract duration

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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

Please see DPQQ.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **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

18 November 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

31 December 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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

CP&F is mandated for the use of this procurement.

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

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Corsham

Country

United Kingdom