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Tender

701945451 - Medium to fast speed Operational Readiness Training (ORT) aerial support service

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)

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General address of the contracting authority/entity

www.contracts.mod.uk

Address of the buyer profile

www.contracts.mod.uk

Electronic access to information

www.contracts.mod.uk

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

www.contracts.mod.uk

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

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

701945451 - Medium to fast speed Operational Readiness Training (ORT) aerial support service

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

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Authority is seeking to procure a medium to fast speed Operational Readiness Training (ORT) aerial support service, to enable interim Red Air aggressor training for the RAF. This service will need to include Air-to-Air, Target, Threat Simulation and Mission Augmentation training. This is an urgent requirement, and an interim contract is being sought to meet this.

Further details on the requirement are available in the '701945451-Full description of the procurement' document attached to the Defence Sourcing Portal opportunity - this is available at www.contracts.mod.uk/

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

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

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 service will be required to meet the following mandatory technical requirements:

- Delivery of an estimated 2000 flying hours (per annum, including transit time) with a maximum of 4 simultaneous sortie rate and up to 12 sorties daily in a 15-hour flying window. The flying window will need to be a flexible window, to meet customer demand.
- Aircraft must deliver sustainable Air Vehicle Availability (AVA) across an indicative performance window, with aircraft and avionics available consistently throughout the day.
- An Air Safety Management System, or equivalent, is required for the aircraft.
- CAA or MAA accreditation for the proposed aircraft and activities, with aircraft ready to commence operations in early Summer 2022. There is no ability for MOD to actively assist with the accreditation process; the expectation is that the registration is already complete or in progress.
- Available to commence contract activities from a UK base within a 30-minute transit time to D323 North Sea training complex. Suppliers will be required to source their own basing and infrastructure solution.
- Operations able to commence Summer 2022.
- The aircraft proposed must be equipped with air-to-air radar, radar warning equipment.

The radar will require:

- o A Pulse-Doppler (PD) system in the frequency band around 9.9 GHz, and capable of Low, Medium and High Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF), that is detectable as a radar and excites Combat Air platform mission data systems.
- o Radar Warning Receiver (RWR)/Radar Warning Equipment (RWE) capable of receiving within the 2-18 GHz frequency band.
- o TSPI Data Device capable of providing TSPI data, downloadable within 60 minutes of landing, to enable post-mission debriefing.
- Aircraft must be able to meet the performance envelope detailed in the '701945451-Full description of the procurement' document on the Defence Sourcing Portal, available here - www.contracts.mod.uk/

The scope of this requirement includes three, one year options to extend.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£100,000,000

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of these options: 3 x 1 year options

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

Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required

The Authority reserves the right to ask for an indemnity, (parent company) guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the required standard for economic and financial standing.

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

To be released at ITN stage.

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

Due to its security classification, this project falls within Regulation 6(3A) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations which permits the Authority to protect its essential security by refraining from supplying information in a procurement process which would be contrary to its essential security interests. Therefore, this contract and tender process is restricted to UK-registered companies intent on directly delivering the contract and that can restrict access to classified information to personnel that are UK nationals with the appropriate security clearances. Contracting models where non-UK registered companies would be involved as a key subcontractor to deliver this contract, will not be considered. The Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) contains further details on the evidence suppliers will be required to provide to meet the Authority's security requirements.

III.1.5) Information about security clearance

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 1 July 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: 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 above

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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: The Authority will assess the economic and financial capacity of all prospective suppliers during the PQQ. An overall pass / fail judgement will be made after considering areas such as turnover, profit, net assets, liquidity, gearing and capacity. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organisation may be utilised. At least 2 years audited accounts (if available)/equivalent must be submitted as part of the PQQ response. The Authority may request further information.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

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: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

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: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

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: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Criteria detailed in PQQ at www.contracts.mod.uk/

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 minimum number 2 and maximum number 3

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

701945451

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

Prior information notice

Notice number: [2021/S 000-027263](#) of 29 October 2021

Other previous publications

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 9 December 2021 - 5:00pm

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

13 December 2021 - 11:55pm

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

4 January 2022

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.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 e-Tendering system Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP), in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

Capability to meet the requirements will be assessed through the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) which is available at the above link.

All questions within the PQQ will be scored on a pass/fail basis and respondents will be required to provide evidence as part of their answers to the PQQ questions. The decision to accept or reject evidence will be solely the responsibility of the authority, based on the Authority's reasonable opinion of the information supplied. The Authority reserves the right to fail any aspect where, in its reasonable opinion, the evidence/information supplied is unsuitable.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any submissions that do not demonstrate sufficient capability and/or capacity to deliver the advertised requirement. Failure of any pass/fail element will result in the prospective supplier not being brought forward to the ITN stage.

Details of the evaluation criteria and methodology used for contract award will be set out in the initial tender.

To express interest in this procurement please complete the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) www.contracts.mod.uk

The Authority is willing to consider supporting any contractor by signing end user agreements or any other relevant paperwork that may assist that contractor with laying the groundwork or otherwise preparing for this contract.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

Air Commercial High Wycombe

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Country

United Kingdom