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Planning

Additional Fleet Time Docking Capability Programme (AFTDC)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Ministry of Defence

MOD Abbeywood, Filton

Bristol

BS34 8JH

For the attention of

Clare Finlan

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Clare.Finlan100@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://www.mod.gov.uk>

Further information

Further information can be obtained from 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/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

Additional Fleet Time Docking Capability Programme (AFTDC)

II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Works

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

The United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) has initiated the Additional Fleet Time Docking Capability (AFTDC) Programme to procure two floating docks and associated infrastructure to be located at HM Naval Base Clyde. As the single integrated operating base for UK Royal Navy Submarines, HM Naval Base Clyde is the home of fleet time docking capability to support submarine availability. Following completion of a period of market engagement with industry, the Authority intends to formally commence a procurement for AFTDC.

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to invite industry to participate in market engagement events to be conducted by the AFTDC Joint Project Team (JPT), which represents all Authority stakeholders in the AFTDC Programme. Events will progressively mature in detail and be flexible to facilitate the flow of information between the Authority and industry participants, prior to the commencement of a future procurement.

Market engagement event 1 is planned for Thursday 07 December 2023 from 10:00 to 12:00 and will be a virtual briefing to industry participants who have successfully registered to be involved in market engagement. The briefing will provide the background and context of the AFTDC Programme and initiate an activity for industry to provide feedback and written

responses to the questions in the Market Engagement Paper (to be issued in advance of market engagement event 1 to successfully registered industry participants). Market engagement event 1 will be followed up with further market engagement events focusing on one-to-one discussions between the Authority and industry participants.

The Authority is looking to engage with suppliers that have the capability to design and build significant elements of the floating docks and associated infrastructure to participate in the market engagement stage of the AFTDC Programme. At this initial stage the Authority does not intend to engage with potential system or equipment suppliers as part of market engagement. There may, at the Authority's discretion, be the opportunity for more focused engagement in due course.

Details of how to register for market engagement event 1 are outlined below.

Registration

Those who are interested in participating in market engagement event 1 should write to the Authority at clare.finlan100@mod.gov.uk to register their interest by including the following information:

- Company Name and Number.
- Provision of Capability Statement (Maximum 2 pages of A4) including your organisation's:
 - Capabilities of relevance to AFTDC, specifically design and build capability for floating docks, and/or
maritime/port infrastructure, such as jetties, quays and other related infrastructure.
 - Experience in delivering similar scale projects and identification of role undertaken.
 - Scope of interest to deliver with respect to AFTDC (e.g. floating dock and/or associated port infrastructure).
- Principal point of contact's details (name, phone number, email address and postal address).
- Contact details of market engagement event 1 proposed attendees (name, phone number, email address).
- Confirmation of extant Security Clearance for all proposed attendees.
- Permission (or otherwise) to make available the principal point of contact's details and your organisation's

scope of interest to other organisations at a future point during market engagement for the purpose of

collaboration.

The Authority will use the registration process to gather high level information on suppliers and ensure those invited to participate in market engagement are appropriate.

The deadline for registration to participate in market engagement event 1 is Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 09:00. Any expression of interest received after this time may be rejected at the Authority's sole and absolute discretion.

The Authority is under no obligation to conduct a procurement or to enter into any contract(s) arising out of the proceedings envisaged by this PIN and the Authority will not bear any associated costs incurred by industry in participating. All information that is to be supplied by the Authority during market engagement is indicative and subject to change.

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45248300 - Construction work for floating docks

Additional CPV code(s)

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45241400 - Dock construction work
- 45243300 - Sea wall construction work
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 45244200 - Jetties
- 45248300 - Construction work for floating docks

Section IV: Procedure

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

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

VI.2) Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this market engagement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

Tax legislation

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs

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