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Tender

701228377 - FsAST - Virtual Rear-crew Training Service (VRTS)

Ministry of Defence

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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22 February 2023 - no time specified

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Ministry of Defence

MOD Abbeywood

Bristol

BS34 8JH

Contact

FsAST Commercial

For the attention of

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Email(s)

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Country

United Kingdom

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.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

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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

RAF Brize Norton

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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

The purpose of this procurement is for the design, purchase, development and technical support of a synthetic training system for aircrew and support crew (support crew includes mission specific specialists such as Air Movements, Aero-Medical, Air Dispatch, and Parachutist Dispatch personnel) who are heavily involved in several emergency procedures alongside the Air Load Master (ALM).

The requirement will require the design, development, installation and support of relevant COTS hardware and software to utilise 3D images of the interior of C17 and A400M aircraft, Containerised Dispatch System (CDS) loads, parachutists and other loads to allow difficult to replicate training to occur.

It will also require the development of scenarios that represent both normal delivery of loads and emergency situations, which may include jammed loads / hung-up parachutists, or 'fire & fumes' in the fuselage of the aircraft to allow trainees to practice undertaking the necessary drills and procedures in both real-time and broken down by stages.

A Train the Trainer package will be required for the System.

Contract duration is expected to be 5-yrs.

An Option for a mid-life refresh of the system and Ad Hoc Tasking shall be included within the Total Contract Value. The Estimate Value of Contract includes provision for this.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 72212931 - Training software development services

Additional CPV code(s)

- 34152000 - Training simulators
- 39162200 - Training aids and devices
- 48931000 - Training software package
- 80650000 - Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope

Inclusive of Option and Tasking

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£1,750,000

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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:

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- 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: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

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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 DPQQ Guidance Document

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 DPQQ Scoring Methodology

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 DPQQ Scoring Methodology

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 number of operators: 5

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: yes

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

Payable documents: no

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

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

31 March 2023

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 an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.