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Tender

## **707770451 - Type 31 Through Life Support**

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)**

Ministry of Defence

Type 31 - Ships Support Strategy Team (SSST), #3030, Cedar 0C, MOD Abbey Wood

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

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

**Address of the buyer profile**

<https://des.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

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## 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 26: Other services

#### NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

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

The Ministry of Defence (the “Authority”) has a requirement to provide a through-life support solution for five (5) new Type 31 (“T31”) ‘Inspiration Class’ frigates for the Royal Navy (RN). These ships are intended to replace five general-purpose Type 23 frigates which have served the RN since the early 1990s.

T31 will be at the heart of the RN’s surface fleet, deterring aggression and maintaining the security of the UK’s interests. They will work alongside our Allies to deliver credible UK warship presence across the globe. Flexible and adaptable by design, T31 frigates will undertake missions such as interception and disruption of those using the sea for unlawful purposes, collecting intelligence, conducting defence engagement and assisting those in need. The RN will therefore require an efficient and economically viable T31 support solution that achieves the high levels of availability required to sustain operations at the intensity and global range that the UK’s defence commitments demand.

A contract covering a minimum of an eight-year period with 2 additional option years is to be secured and delivered through the Competitive Negotiated procedure under DSPCR 2011. The aim is to create a collaborative, hybrid solution in order to optimise the availability and operational service of all T31 frigates.

The management and support requirements as part of this contract (but not limited to) have been grouped into the following sections:

Manage the Service;

Manage Maintenance;

Manage the Supply Chain;

Manage Design Services;

Manage Engineering Services;

Manage Support Information;

Manage Safety, Environmental Protection and Security.

### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 50640000 - Repair and maintenance services of warships

### **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

The contracting authority/entity may oblige the successful tenderer to award all or certain subcontracts

The successful tenderer is obliged to specify which part or parts of the contract it intends to subcontract beyond the required percentage and to indicate the subcontractors already identified

## **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The Authority is seeking management and through-life support services for the five 'Inspiration Class' Type 31 (T31) frigates. A contract covering a minimum of an eight-year period with 2 x 1 year extension options is to be secured.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £240,000,000 and £300,000,000

## **II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of these options: 2 x 1 year extension options

## **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: No

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

Duration in months: 96 (from the award of the contract)

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

Signed Statement Relating to Good Standing (SRGS)

#### **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**

There will be a requirement for the Potential Provider to handle up to SECRET and SECRET UK EYES ONLY information as part of this contract.

#### **III.1.5) Information about security clearance**

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 1 May 2025

### **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: 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: Selection criteria as stated within the procurement documentation.

#### **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: Selection criteria as stated within the procurement documentation.

### **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: Selection criteria as stated within the procurement documentation.

#### **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: Selection criteria as stated within the procurement documentation.

## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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

Negotiated

#### **IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 3 and maximum number 6

### **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**

707770451

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

##### **Prior information notice**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-014764](#) of 28 June 2021

##### **Other previous publications**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-014896](#) of 29 June 2021

Notice number: [2021/S 000-015775](#) of 7 July 2021

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

29 January 2024 - 5:00pm

#### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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### **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**

To be able to register an interest for this procurement, you must have access to the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP). Guidance on how to self-register can be found here: <https://www.contracts.mod.uk/web/user-guide/html>

The direct link to the DSP Opportunity for this procurement is:  
<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/82247548018BFD07B4B4>

The Authority is using DSP(AWARD®) for this procurement and will use it to complete all DPQQ and ITN activities. If your company does not already have an DSP(AWARD®) account, please self-register via the following link:  
<https://award.commercedecisions.com/dsp/web/project/507ac39c-e089-46fa-b0e3-d9ef00d6d3ac/register>.

Once you have self-registered to both DSP and DSP(AWARD®), you will be able to access the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) via the T31 Through Life Support NDA Data Room on DSP(AWARD®). You will have to sign and return the NDA before being given access to the DPQQ. Please download the NDA from the “Authority NDA for Completion” Document Group. Sign the NDA, then return the signed NDA to the Authority by uploading it to the “Signed NDA” Document Group. Do this in a timely manner to avoid any impact to your response window. Your counter-signed NDA will be uploaded to the “Counter Signed NDAs” Document Group. Once the Authority is content with the signed NDA you will be notified by DSP(AWARD®) e-mail that the DPQQ has been published for you to see in the “PQQ for Suppliers who have signed the NDA” Document Group.

For information, Cyber risk has been considered and, in accordance with the Cyber

Security Model, resulted in a Cyber Risk Profile of 'Moderate'. The Risk Assessment Reference is: RAR -548515002. Potential Providers are required to complete the Supplier Assurance Questionnaire (SAQ), using the SAQ Form available at: <https://suppliercyberprotection.service.gov.uk> and to submit this as part of their Tender response at ITN stage.

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

### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

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