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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

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For the attention of

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General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/42641766018511736A0E>

Electronic access to information

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/282551420185100524A6>

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£35,000,000

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

The UK Armed Forces require the ability to airdrop a range of rigid hulled boats with tailgating parachutists into maritime environments, by day or night, worldwide from the Atlas C Mk1 aircraft (A400M). Requirements also include (but are not limited to) spares provisioning, level 4 contractor repairs, Design Organisation (DO) and/or Coordinating Design Organisation (CDO) responsibilities, technical documentation management, and Post Design Services (PDS). Details will be set out in the procurement documentation.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 35000000 - Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment

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 successful tenderer is obliged to subcontract the following share of the contract:
minimum percentage: 0(%) maximum percentage: 30(%) of the value 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

Total quantity or scope: (including all lots, renewals and options, if applicable)

The requirement is to deliver an estimated 25 (Twenty-Five) initial, complete LBAD systems including associated parachutes and ancillary equipment, capable of delivering payloads for despatch from the A400M. The LBAD system must be compatible with the A400M. The contractor shall hold DO/CDO status for the entire system, including all associated assemblies (parachutes and ancillary equipment).

The requirement includes provision of an in-service support solution including Level 4

repair activities (level 1-3 repairs and maintenance will be carried out by the Authority), initial ground training, technical documentation management, System Safety Management, Post Design Services (PDS) and provision of spares. The contract shall include manufacture, transition and in-service support phases and shall be for a term of 7 (seven) years [from Contract Award] (plus Options to extend by an additional 3 years). Details are set out in the procurement documentation.

This contract is being procured under Regulation 18 (Negotiated Procedure) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

The Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) will be used to manage the procurement process, including evaluation. Access to the DSP is required to complete the DPQQ and access should be requested via the Supplier Registration Page on the DSP.

Following DPQQ evaluation, the Authority intends to invite the 4 (four) highest scoring respondents to the ITN phase. Following submission and assessment of the written Initial Tender submissions, all technically and commercially compliant bidders will be required to demonstrate their LBAD solution as part of a ground trials assessment phase (which will form part of the Tender evaluation). After the Authority's evaluation of the ground trials, a negotiation phase may follow. The Authority, however, reserves the right to award the Contract on the basis of the Initial Tenders and ground trials evaluation, without undertaking a negotiation phase.

In preparation for the ground trials assessment phase, tenderers will be required to loan the MOD a complete system (including all associated parachutes, assemblies and ancillary equipment, plus contractor support), via a loan agreement on a free of charge basis, to undertake ground assessment.

Contract award will be subject to an approvals process. Post contract award, the contractor will be required to support air trials and achieve system acceptance. Further details are set out in the procurement documentation.

The Authority anticipates issuing the ITN in March 2023 followed by a bidders' conference to be held in the UK. Ground assessment shall be conducted by the Authority at RAF Brize Norton and is forecast for September 2023 and contract award is forecast for early 2024. However, the Authority reserves the right to amend the timetable from time to time.

The Authority trades using the electronic 'Contracting, Purchasing & Finance' system (CP&F) and use of CP&F will be a requirement in the contract. Before completing the DPQQ, any interested parties should ensure that they have the ability to trade electronically, and the willingness connect to the CP&F System in the event of being successful. The Authority is running an industry engagement event on week commencing 06/02/2023 (with a current placeholder date of 07/02/2023). Interested parties should contract for further information:

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The Event shall be held on online, on Microsoft Teams with details shared closer to the time.

A Cyber Risk Assessment has been conducted for this requirement to ascertain the level of Cyber Risk present. The result of this assessment is that a Cyber Risk level of 'Very Low' exists and therefore successful respondents invited to ITN will need to hold a Cyber Essentials [Plus] certificate and undertake a Cyber Risk Assessment on their proposed supply chain. Respondents can verify their readiness to comply with opportunities bearing this Cyber Risk Level by completing a Cyber Risk Assessment using RAR code: (677845980). [Further details will be set out in the procurement documentation].

To note: The issue of this Contract Notice (CN) or any future ITN or ITN material is not a commitment by the Authority to place a contract as a result of this competition or at a later stage. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to any offer and subsequent acceptance of contract, is a matter solely for your commercial judgement. The Authority has conducted previous industry engagement using Defence Contracts Online (DCO), with a Request for Information (RFI) published July 2021.

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II.2.2) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of these options: In addition to the previously stated contract duration, the Authority may at its sole discretion extend the contract by a maximum of 3 years (taken in single or multiple year intervals).

The Authority may also at its sole discretion purchase complete or part systems in addition to the number previously stated.

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

Duration in months: 84 (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

As stipulated within the DPQQ and later within the ITN.

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

As stipulated within the DPQQ and later within the ITN.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

As stipulated within the DPQQ and later within the ITN.

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

The successful personnel will be required to obtain the necessary security clearances following award of contract. Further detail regarding the processes to be followed and conditions to be applied will be included within the ITN.

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: (a) Appropriate statements from the economic operator's bankers or where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;

(b) The presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established;

(c) where appropriate, a statement, covering the three previous financial years of the economic operator, of:

(i) the overall turnover of the business of the economic operator; and

(ii) where appropriate, the turnover in respect of the work, works, goods or services which are of a similar type to the subject matter of the contract

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Contained within the DPQQ Guidance Notes.

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: Economic operators are expected to hold, or be willing to obtain Defence Approved Organisation Scheme (DAOS) accreditation in accordance with MAA Regulatory Article 5850.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Defence Approved Organisation Scheme (DAOS) accreditation in accordance with MAA Regulatory Article 5850.

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: Contained within the PQQ Guidance Notes.

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 4 and maximum number 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Following assessment of the DPQQ responses the Authority shall invite the four highest scoring economic operators that also meet the minimum threshold to tender for the requirement. Where there are less than four economic operators that meet the minimum threshold, the Authority reserves the right (at its sole discretion) to invite less than four economic operators to tender or, cancel the procurement exercise. Further information on the criteria used for scoring each DPQQ question, the minimum threshold and allocating a final score can be found in the DPQQ and DPQQ guidance notes attached to this opportunity.

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

C17CSAE/706048451

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

no

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

27 January 2023 - 11:59pm

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

English

Section VI: Complementary information

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.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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