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Planning

Future Defence Support Services (FDSS)

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

FDSS UK1

Description

The Authority requirement is for a Supplier to provide under a one Lot Model:

- A Sourcing, Procurement and Inventory Management (SP&IM) capability for the range of

materiel set out below (hereafter referred to as the SP&IM Materiel Range)

- A worldwide Storage & Stock Management capability for the SP&IM Materiel Range and the full Authority Managed Materiel range of Defence Materiel, noting:

- o Will include the receipt, store, maintenance, issue and disposal of materiel.
- o Some items will require additional services e.g. inspection, repair, maintenance, service and calibration as part of the receipt and issue process
- Load sortation, consolidation and cross-docking services
- A worldwide Movement & Distribution capability for the movement of Defence Materiel incorporating all modes of transportation including Road, Rail, Air & Sea.

The SP&IM Materiel Range shall include items in the following 3 high-level ranges:

1. Support the Human Being (and Defence Animals) – items related to the life-support of Defence

personnel. Example scope of items include:

- Medical, Dental and Veterinary Equipment (MDVE) including Blood and Blood products
- Recreational and Athletic Equipment as well as Toiletries, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies
- Clothing, Individual Equipment and Insignia (includes Personal Protective Equipment)
- Subsistence (Food both fresh and packaged, Beverages)

2. Platform Componentry – items which are used to support higher level assemblies which form Defence

equipment's in the Land, Air and Maritime environments. Example scope of items include:

- Fire Control Equipment
- Aviation Spares and Components
- Maritime Spares and Components
- Land Spares and Components
- Batteries, Power and Electrical Components

- Construction, Fluid and Water Handling Equipment
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Lighting components
- Bearings, Oils, Lubricants and Associated Products
- Agriculture and Materials Handling Equipment components

3. Off Platform – items which support Defence Outputs, but which are not intrinsic to vehicle/equipment

assemblies. Example of scope of items include:

- Tools and Workshop Equipment
- Construction and Materials
- Alarms, Signals and Stationery
- Furniture, Fittings and Lighting
- Hardware, Abrasives, Brushes, Paints and Adhesives
- Musical and Photographic Equipment
- Industrial Gases and Chemicals

Potential Future scope during the duration of the contract may include:

- Expansion of scope of sourcing, procurement and inventory management scope to increase range

of materiel under management in specified categories.

- Expansion and optimisation of storage and stock management network in terms of scale, type and purpose of

Storage and geographic location (including potential for international locations) and Contractors on Deployed Operations

(CONDO) support.

- Expansion of distribution and movement services in terms of scale, type and purpose of movement.

- Expansion of role in repair maintenance, repair and calibration of Medical equipment in support of medical equipment
- Increased scope of responsibility for disposal services.

The Authority's objective is to enhance resilience, agility, and scalability to better support the latest Defence Planning

Assumptions in the Defence Support and Supply Chain strategies.

This will include the need for MOD to reduce a proportion of MOD-owned warehousing estate

The scope of activity required by the Authority may require contractors to team with one or more companies

to deliver the full, end to end, output-based FDSS requirement using the suppliers underpinning IS/IT. By

its nature, MOD expects to see SME involvement in the sourcing of the commodities but managed

holistically by the winning Bidders.

Classification of Tender Documents is OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE

The Cyber Risk Profile is High - RAR-250417A05

The pricing model will be based on performance and will include incentivisation

The contract will be the Model Services Contract v.2.2 with narrative DEFCONs and bespoke

project-specific drafting.

The Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) Code is 75131000 - Government services

- Packaging and Handling Equipment
- Food Preparation Equipment and Agricultural Supplies
- Weapons, Weapon Spares and Ancillaries

Total value (estimated)

- £8,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 June 2028 to 4 June 2038
- Possible extension to 5 June 2040
- 12 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Contract can be extended by 2 x 12 months

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

additional scope that could be added to the FDSS contract are; further commodity procurement, additional warehousing and additional transportation requirements.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75131000 - Government services

- 79991000 - Stock-control services
- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services
- 63100000 - Cargo handling and storage services
- 63520000 - Transport agency services
- 63111000 - Container handling services
- 60160000 - Mail transport by road
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60200000 - Railway transport services
- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 60640000 - Shipping operations
- 44100000 - Construction materials and associated items
- 44400000 - Miscellaneous fabricated products and related items
- 44600000 - Tanks, reservoirs and containers; central-heating radiators and boilers
- 44423300 - Goods-handling equipment
- 42961400 - Dispatch system
- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 39200000 - Furnishing
- 30190000 - Various office equipment and supplies
- 39100000 - Furniture
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- 44500000 - Tools, locks, keys, hinges, fasteners, chain and springs

- 24000000 - Chemical products
- 39800000 - Cleaning and polishing products
- 35800000 - Individual and support equipment
- 09211000 - Lubricating oils and lubricating agents
- 31000000 - Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting
- 39500000 - Textile articles
- 03410000 - Wood
- 44440000 - Bearings
- 44800000 - Paints, varnishes and mastics
- 34731000 - Parts for aircraft
- 35100000 - Emergency and security equipment
- 34900000 - Miscellaneous transport equipment and spare parts
- 37300000 - Musical instruments and parts
- 38650000 - Photographic equipment
- 31625000 - Burglar and fire alarms
- 34300000 - Parts and accessories for vehicles and their engines
- 42130000 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances
- 42500000 - Cooling and ventilation equipment
- 42600000 - Machine tools
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 44619000 - Other containers
- 22470000 - Manuals
- 37420000 - Gymnasium equipment

- 39162000 - Educational equipment
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

as per the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) that will accompany the Tender Notice

Technical ability conditions of participation

as per the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) that will accompany the Tender Notice

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 November 2025

Enquiry deadline

17 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

1 December 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The FDSS Project Team is awaiting the outcomes of the final governance step before the team will be able to proceed to the publication of the Tender Notice (UK4)

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 October 2027

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

Step 1 - Nov 25 Publish tender notice, and Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) along with associated interim

tender documents

Step 2 - Receive requests to participate along with completed PSQ

Step 3 - Determine whether the supplier is an excluded or excludable supplier

Step 4 - Evaluate PSQ's – Part 3a of the PSQ will be evaluated using a Pass/Fail mechanism.

Step 5 - Notify Suppliers of PSQ Pass/Fail – all Suppliers that Pass will be issued an ITN

Step 6 - Issue full set of Tender 1 Docs to all Suppliers that have passed the PSQ

Step 7 – Feb/Mar 26 Bidders conference will be held

Step 8 - Receive Tender 1 back from Bidders

Step 9 - Undertake evaluation in accordance with Award Criteria

Step 10 - Notify suppliers and invite to the next stage, the Negotiation phase, up to 3 Suppliers will be taken through to the negotiation phase.

Step 11 - Start negotiation phase

Step 12 - Issue Tender 2

Step 13 - Receive Tender 2 (final tender) back from Bidders

Step 14 - Assess final tender

Step 15 - Issue Assessment summaries

Step 16 - Publish contract Award Notice

Step 17 - Observe mandatory standstill period - minimum 8 working days

Step 18 - Enter into contract

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

via a link within the Tender Notice

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government