

**UK-Bristol: weatherproof clothing**

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&amp;S

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**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Other: All units and establishments of the Ministry of Defence and any other UK government department or contracting authority

**I.3. Main activity**

Defence

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Supply of Extreme Cold weather (ECW) Ensemble.

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKK41 Plymouth

**II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

## **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 4

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

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 150 000 and 250 000 GBP

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

Weatherproof clothing. Supply of Extreme Cold weather (ECW) Ensemble.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

18220000 Weatherproof clothing

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

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

There is a requirement for the supply of Extreme Cold Weather (ECW) Ensembles including, but not limited to, a waterproof glove, an insulated, windproof over mitt, waterproof/insulated boots and a Face Mask that protects the exposed areas of the face and neck from inclement weather conditions. Equipment will be supplied to European / British Standards as specified in the Tender documents. The requirement is based on estimated quantities to be supplied over a 4 year period Framework Agreement, the MOD can give no guarantee that the estimated quantities will be demanded.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 150 000 and 250 000 GBP

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

Options: no

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

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

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

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

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

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

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

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

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

## **III.2. Conditions for participation**

### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 45(1) of Directive 2004/18/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2006 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 45 (2) of Directive 2004/18/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the PCR 2006) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

A full list of the Regulation 23(1) and 23(2) criteria are at <http://project.contracts.mod.uk/businessExchange/project/reasonsForExclusion.html#dspr>.

Candidates will be required to sign a declaration confirming whether they do or do not have any of the listed criteria as part of the pre-qualification process. For candidates who are registered overseas, you will need to declare if you have any offences/misconduct under your own countries laws, where these laws are equivalent to the Regulation 23 lists.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 45(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 45 (2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Each potential Supplier will be required to complete a Statement of Good Standing. Full details of the requirements will be stated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

The Authority will require potential Suppliers to be certified to ISO 9001:2000 or ISO 9001:2008 (or equivalent acceptable alternative). A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire will be issued to all Suppliers that express an interest to this advert, detailing the Authority's full Technical pre-qualification criteria.

### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

## **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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Restricted

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 5: and Maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Defence Clothing (DC) will conduct a Pre-Qualification exercise and a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) will be issued electronically to those Suppliers that express an interest by 23:59 hours on 12.3.2012.

It is the Authority's intention to issue the PQQ shortly after the closing date for expressions of interest and the PQQ must be completed and returned to DC by the date indicated in the document. Only those Suppliers that can demonstrate a sufficient level of competence against the Authority's Pre-Qualification criteria will be considered for inclusion in the tender panel (this will be a maximum of 6). Full details of the evaluation criteria will be supplied in the PQQ document issued to those Suppliers that express an interest. The evaluation criteria used to assess the PQQ will include, but shall not be limited to, the Supplier's Economic and Financial Standing; Financial Viability, Quality Accreditation, Technical Capacity and Supply Chain Management.

The Supplier's financial ability to meet this requirement will be assessed on a risk basis and the Supplier's financial accounts will be evaluated by the Authority. Suppliers who present an unacceptable financial risk to the Authority will not qualify.

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: Yes. A Reverse Auction, conducted using electronic means, may be used as part of the procurement process for this requirement.

Specific relevant information on Reverse Auction usage will be given in the Invitation to Tender.

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

DC2B/2605

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **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**

12.3.2012 - 23:59

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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## **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

## **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

## **VI.3. Additional information**

The basis for award of contract(s) will be the most economically advantageous offer received, against the criteria detailed in the tender documents. Suppliers invited to tender will be required to supply samples of the ECW Ensemble that, in their judgement, best meets the specifications as appropriate. All samples offered will be subject to an assessment process that may include trials including in some cases user trials. The precise criteria will be detailed in the tender documents, however it should be noted that where user trials are conducted performance, fit and comfort will be a significant factor in the decision. Samples required for the tender evaluation shall be supplied by potential Suppliers free of charge. The announcement of this future requirement is not to be construed as confirmation that a tender /contract will subsequently be issued; announcements are for information only. The issue of a possible future purchase notice, or the issue of an invitation to tender, is not to be construed as a commitment by the MOD to place an order as a result of the tendering exercise or at a later stage. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential Suppliers. The Authority is currently reviewing its supply chain for clothing and associated products, and there is a possibility that a New Clothing Solution (NCS) may be introduced during the period of the proposed Framework Agreement. If transition arrangements to the NCS contract overlap the proposed Framework Agreement the Authority may require delivery of an ECW Ensemble to the NCS provider, or require the Supplier to meet the demands raised by the NCS provider, or assign or novate the Extreme Cold Weather Ensemble Framework Agreement to the NCS provider, or significantly reduce or cease demands from the Framework Agreement. The decision on how to assimilate the proposed framework with NCS will be made if and when the NCS project is approved, and will be based on value for money and the integration risks. Late Expressions of Interest (received after 23:59 hours on 12th March 2012) will not be considered.

Please note that the requirement to which this notice relates comes under Logistic Commodities and Services (LCS), formed on 1 Aug 11. LCS is determining the future strategy for all commodities and services within its remit and may, in the future, place a contract for the supply of services which may include the provision of articles (or services) which are covered by this notice. In this event, the Authority may satisfy its requirements from the LCS service contract and no further orders will be placed against any framework arising from this notice.

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender. Suppliers interested in working with the Ministry of Defence should register on the MOD Supplier Information Database (SID) Register, available at [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk). The MOD SID is a database of active and potential suppliers available to all MOD and UK Defence procurement personnel, and is the main supplier database of MOD Procurement organisations. Please note: the registration and publication of a company profile on the MOD SID does not mean or imply that the supplier has in any way been vetted or approved by the MOD. Suppliers wishing to compete for advertised MOD contracts must respond to any specific call for competition by submitting a separate expression of interest in accordance with the instructions of the purchasing organisation.

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**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

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Telephone: +44 3067983523

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

3.2.2012