

United Kingdom-Bristol: Image intensifiers

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment

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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

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

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

The procurement and support of the Small Arms Fused Sight (SAFS).

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKK1 Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.1.3. Information about framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

Image intensifiers. Weapons, ammunition and associated parts. Nightglasses. Telescopic

sights. Under the Small Arms Fused Sight (SAFS) Project the UK MOD has a requirement for a Fused Night Sight for use on 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm Assault Rifles which will provide both Image Intensification (Near Infrared (NIR) and Thermal Imager (Long Wave Infrared (LWIR) capabilities in one single body.

To provide the Potential Provider with guidance on the desired capability of the system the Key Requirements have been summarised below:

1. The System shall integrate with but not interfere with the functions of the host Weapon System;
2. The System shall not interfere with the functions of the host Weapon System;
3. The System shall be able to be fitted in-line and in front of the day sight without the need to change the position of the day sight;
4. The System shall be able to be mounted to a weapon accessory rail conforming to Rail Standard NATO STANAG 4694;
5. The System shall remain fully functional after exposure to the operational shock profile of the host Weapon System;
6. The System shall allow the User to recognise a man-size target (1.8 m x 0.5 m) in low light levels (<1mLux) out to a minimum range of 400 m;
7. The System, in full moonlight, shall achieve a minimum resolution of 1.2c/mrad at 100mlux with 100 % target contrast, equivalent to identifying a human at 150 m;
8. The System shall allow the user to switch between the NIR, LWIR and Blend channels without losing previous settings;
7. The System shall provide instant and continuous zero parallax between the LWIR and NIR images at all ranges;
10. The System shall be operable without any degradation at high light levels of 10 Lux and above.

To provide the Potential Provider with additional guidance on the desired capability of the system with regards to lower priority Requirements these have been summarised below:

11. The System shall align to the size and role of the host Weapon System having a height of no more than 10 cm, a width of no more than 10 cm, a length of no more than 20 cm and a weight of no more than 1 kg;
12. The System shall have a LWIR frame rate of not less than 50 Hz;
13. The System shall include a remote control to enable the User to operate the essential functions without moving hands from the firing position;
14. The System shall have an interface port to allow the export of 'real time' imagery;
15. The System shall allow the User to select different LWIR modes, such as Black Hot, White Hot and Outline;
16. The System shall allow the User to adjust attributes of the displayed image such as Intensity, Contrast, Blend (between LWIR and NIR images);
17. The System shall provide a continuous NIR and LWIR image for not less than 6 hours while operating on one set of batteries;
18. The System shall provide a continuous NIR image for not less than 12 hours while operating on one set of batteries.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

24931260 Image intensifiers, 35300000 Weapons, ammunition and associated parts, 38632000 Nightglasses, 38633000 Telescopic sights

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

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

The Authority is seeking to procure an initial quantity of 50 SAFS systems for entry into service by the end of the first quarter of 2016. The Authority may seek to procure additional quantities, though the use of options, in future years up to a maximum total of 600.

As well as the SAFS systems, the initial procurement of 50 shall include spares, consumables, training and documentation. A support element shall be required for a 2 year duration, with an option to extend for a further 3 years. This shall include, but not be limited to, repair, spares and consumables.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 900 000 and 10 500 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Procurement: The Authority intends to let the resulting contract with options to procure up to 600 systems with the necessary spares, consumables, training, and documentation required to support this fleet.

Support: The support element will be let for an initial period of 2 years with options to extend for an additional 3 years, leading to a possible total contract let of 5 years.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: 21 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

Bank and/or Parent Company guarantees may be required.

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

The electronic Purchase to Payment system will be used as the payment mechanism for this proposed contract.

III.1.3.

Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

If a group of economic operators submits a bid, the group must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Authority. The Authority shall require the group to form a legal entity before entering into the contract.

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

Electronic Trading.

Potential suppliers must note the mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the Ministry of Defence's standard Purchase to Payment (P2P) system operating under the Defence Electronic Commerce Service, which shall be a special condition for the performance of this Contract. You can find details on the P2P system at www.d2btrade.com. The Contractor shall be required to sign DEFFORM 30 (Electronic Transaction Agreements) and unconditionally accept DEFCON 5J (Unique Identifiers), DEFCON 129J (The Use of Electronic Business Delivery Form); and DEFCON 522J (Payment under P2P).

III.1.5. Information about security clearance

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

List and brief description of conditions: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 39(1) of Directive 2009/81/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 39(2) of Directive 2009/81/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the DSPCR 2011) 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://www.contracts.mod.uk/delta/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.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 39(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest (including defence and security factors) for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 39(2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

List and brief description of conditions: (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 3 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.

As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please see IV.1.2 — Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates, for the minimum level(s) of standards required.

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)

List and brief description of conditions:

(c) a statement of the principal goods sold or services provided by the supplier or the services provider in the past 5 years, or during a shorter period if necessary, and: (i) the dates on which the goods were sold or the services provided; (ii) the consideration received; (iii) the identity of the person to whom the goods were sold or the service were provided;

(iv) any certificate issued or countersigned by that person confirming the details of the contract for those goods sold or services provided; and (v) where — (a) that person was not a contracting authority, and (b) the certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) is not available, any declaration by the economic operator attesting the details of the goods sold or services provided;

(d) a statement of the technicians or technical services available to the economic operator to: (i) carry out the work under the contract, or (ii) be involved in the production of goods or the provision of services under the contract, particularly those responsible for quality control, whether or not they are independent of the economic operator;

(e) a statement of the economic operator's: (i) technical facilities; (ii) measures for ensuring quality; (iii) study and research facilities; and (iv) internal rules regarding intellectual property. As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As detailed in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

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

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 3

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Compliant companies shall be selected from the dynamic PQQ against the following Criteria:

Part 1 (Sections 1-5 of PQQ) Mandatory Requirements — Mandated Pass/Fail;

Part 2 (Sections 6-7 of PQQ) Technical Questions;

6.1.1. Evidence of Experience — Mandated Pass/Fail;

6.1.2. Requirements Compliancy — Mandated Pass/Fail;

6.1.3. Technology Readiness Level — Mandated Pass/Fail;

6.1.4. Delivery Timescales — Mandated Pass/Fail;

6.1.5. Method of Sale — Mandated Pass/Fail;

7.1 - Security of Supply — Mandated Pass/Fail;

7.2 - Intellectual Property Rights — Mandated Pass/Fail.

Furthermore, in accordance with III.2.2) Economic and financial standing, the minimum level(s) of standards required are as follows:

The estimated annual contract value is 450 000 GBP. If the estimated annual contract value is greater than 40 percent of the supplier's turnover, the Authority reserves the right to exclude the supplier from being selected to tender except where the supplier provides, to the satisfaction of the Authority, evidence showing it has sufficient economic and financial capability, e.g. such evidence may include:

(1) Any additional information proving it has sufficient economic and financial resources to deliver the requirement; and;

(2) State whether the supplier is willing to provide the Authority with an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond.

A financial assessment will be undertaken on the supplier's financial status. An overall pass / fail judgement will be made after considering areas such as turnover, profit, net assets, liquidity, gearing and capacity. This assessment will include the Parent company where applicable. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organisation will be utilised as part of this process.

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 has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

SSP/00024

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

16.3.2015 - 10:00

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

31.3.2015

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

English.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3. Additional information

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 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.

From 2.4.2014 the Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications Policy (GSC) to replace the current Government Protective Marking Scheme. A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All suppliers to the Department are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact on this Requirement. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise.

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The information and/or documents for this opportunity are available on <http://www.contracts.mod.uk/delta>. You must register on this site to respond, if you are already registered you will not need to register again, simply use your existing username and password. Please note there is a password reminder link on the homepage.

Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: GBDDD6Z9S5. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 16.3.2015 10:00. Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload documents.

If you experience any difficulties please refer to the online Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Help-desk by emailing — support@contracts.mod.uk or call +44 800 282 324.
GO Reference: GO-2015211-DCB-6359778; GO-2015211-DCB-6359698.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Land Equipment
Postal address: LE Lifeboat Commercial Team
Town: Bristol
Country: United Kingdom

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Land Equipment
Postal address: LE Lifeboat Commercial Team
Town: Bristol
Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Land Equipment
Postal address: LE Lifeboat Commercial Team
Town: Bristol
Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

11.2.2015