

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment**

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Contract notice

Supplies

**Directive 2009/81/EC****Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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**Additional information can be obtained from:**

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**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**

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

Project Starter — The MOD wishes to procure an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Remote Controlled Vehicle (EOD RCV) and support.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

**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)**

Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment. The requirement is for project Starter, a Category C project to procure a new Explosive Ordnance Disposal Remote Controlled Vehicle (EOD RCV) for use by the MoD on Contingent Operations. It is envisaged that Starter will be a medium to large RCV. The project successfully passed Initial Gate in Oct 2014 and is now in the Assessment Phase. The authority plan to meet the Starter requirement by purchasing a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) system with only minor modifications. The authority is running a competition during the Assessment phase to select the most suitable RCV to meet the requirement.

The endorsed Single Statement of User Need (SSUN) is: 'The user requires a deployable, robust capability to enable the remote location, diagnosis and render safe of Explosive Ordnance on all deployed operations, at All Scales of Effort'. Starter is required to enable an EOD team to conduct remote explosive ordnance reconnaissance, manipulation and neutralisation. It is required to operate above ground, underground (in a limited role) or within buildings and may suffer temporary immersion in water during operation. It is required to operate with all current and expected in-service EOD weapons and ancillaries in order to enable the defeat of a wide range of current and expected future EOD targets and threats, including vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The operator burden, both physical and cognitive, must allow operation by a single person without reliance upon a dedicated command and control vehicle, the EOD RCV will also be required to Fit into Existing Vehicles the intention is for Mastiff III and Pinzgauer however the Authority retains the right to amend the type of vehicles.

The criteria will be in accordance with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) to fulfil the Starter requirement as efficiently as possible, through life costs including options will also be assessed as part of the award criteria. It is envisaged that the contract will be for 56 RCVs, with options for up to 30 additional RCVs at a later date, however the authority reserves the right to amend the quantity of RCVs. The authority intends to contract for an initial 2 years support service, with the option for further years support service in line with the out of service date (OSD) for Starter of 2027.

During the tender evaluation process there will be two elements: a paper based assessment and assessment phase trials.

The authority retains the right to amend Starter timelines. The following timelines are estimated:

Invitation to tender (ITT): Q4 2015

Assessment Phase Trials: Q2 2016

Contract awarded: Q3 2017

Starter equipment delivery date: 2018

Starter out of service date: 2027.

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

35000000 Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment

### **II.1.7. Information about subcontracting**

### **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 contract will be for the supply and modification of RCVs with an initial 2 year Inservice Support and options for further ISS until the 2027 OSD of Starter. The contract will be for a specified number of RCVs with options for the procurement of additional RCVs at a later date. Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 30 000 000 and 80 000 000 GBP

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

Options: yes

Description of options: Options for further years in service support in line with the OSD for Starter (2027).

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:  
in months: 96 (from the award of the contract)

### **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: 120 (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**

The Authority reserves the right to ask for an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the required standard for economic and financial standing.

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

Payment will follow delivery and acceptance of the goods, works or services.

#### **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**

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

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until:  
30.10.2015

### **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**

### **III.2.3. Technical and/or professional capacity**

### **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**

#### **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 and Maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As per PQQ.

#### **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**

SPSCM/00862

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

#### **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**

16.4.2015 - 12:00

**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.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**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](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.

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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Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this opportunity.

The information and/or documents for this opportunity are available on <http://www.contracts.mod.uk>.

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: 22K5KE288Q.

Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is detailed within this contract notice, you will also have visibility of the deadline date, once you have added the Access code via DCO as the opening and closing date is visible within the opportunity.

Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this opportunity 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 (FAQs) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Helpdesk by emailing [support@contracts.mod.uk](mailto:support@contracts.mod.uk) or Telephone 0800 282 324.

GO Reference: GO-2015227-DCB-6401438.

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

yes

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2014/S 6-000085](#) of 17.9.2014

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

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##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

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

27.2.2015