

UK-Bristol: Technical support services

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Contract notice**Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

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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

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 Provision of Specialist Technical Support for MIDS and Data Links on the Tornado and Typhoon Platforms

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

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

NUTS code UKH13 Norfolk

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

Technical support services. Expressions of Interest (EOI) are sought from companies interested in meeting the requirement for a 3-year contract for the provision of specialist technical support for the introduction of Multi-functional Information Display Systems (MIDS) low Volume Terminals (LVT) and Link 16 Tactical Data Link (TDL) on Typhoon and Tornado platforms.

MIDS LVT and TDL are certified safe to fly (Flight Certified) and are compatible with systems used across NATO Armed Forces in order to achieve and maintain Typhoon/Tornado Data-link interoperability with US/NATO/Allied Partner Nations. Therefore specialist technical support needs to continue to be delivered such that data is compatible with that already provided to the programmes to maintain comparability with testing regimes and results to date. Also, data needs to be provided and analysed such that it is compatible with partner nations. Therefore, to achieve this, companies must have access to the following tools and processes, that have been used to support the programmes to date and are the partner nation agreed toolsets:

- a) MANDRIL
- b) PUMA
- c) TIGER
- d) eSMART toolset and iSMART process.

Interested Companies will be expected to have the following skills and experience:

- a) Comprehensive knowledge of 55xx series STANAGs and Air Data Publications (ADatPs) for Link 16 and Mil-Std-6016C/D
 - b) Detailed knowledge of the production of platform TDL specifications including the production of platform operational specifications and Platform Implementation Difference Document Sets (PIDDs) using the e-SMART toolset.
 - c) Detailed knowledge of the Data Link Solutions (DLS) and Euro MIDS LVT and AN/URC-138 programmes, terminal hardware and software architectures and processing, interfacing requirements and terminal installation issues.
 - d) Detailed knowledge and experience of the DLS and Euro MIDS LVT and AN/URC-138 programmes integration onto the Tornado and Typhoon platforms.
 - e) Detailed knowledge of the Interoperability Matrix and Interoperability assessment process.
 - f) Detailed operational knowledge of platform rig TDL scenario simulators, particularly TIGER, and its use for integration, acceptance and interoperability testing and detailed knowledge of the NATO Standard Interface for Multiple Platform Link Evaluation (SIMPLE) standard (STANAG 5601) including compatible equipments.
 - g) Detailed knowledge of the design and management of MIDS networks and the interfaces between national and international Network Design Stations and platform support equipments.
 - h) Detailed knowledge of TDL and system security requirements and procedures.
 - i) Detailed knowledge of hardware installation and qualification aspects, including Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)/EMI(Electromagnetic Interference), Nuclear Electromagnetic Pulse (NEMP)/NH(Nuclear Hardened) power, environmental tests, etc.
- This requirement is to be fulfilled with the placement of one Contract. Interested Companies must be in a position to provide specialist technical support to both Typhoon and Tornado platforms.

Companies who submit an expression of interest into this requirement will then be asked to complete and return a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) as part of the tendering process. On Conclusion of the PQQ exercise, successful companies will receive an Invitation To Tender (ITT) and will be provided with the full specification which their solution must meet. Contractors who wish to express an interest in this tender are to forward a written EOI to the issuing branch, addressed for the attention of FAST-Comrcl4a1.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71356300 Technical support services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Duration in months: 36 (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

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://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. 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

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

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

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Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (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 will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

FAST/00048

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

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

16.4.2013 - 17:00

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.

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

VI.1. Information about recurrence

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

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.

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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

8.3.2013