

UK-Bristol: special clothing and accessories

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Personal Combat Equipment Project Team, DE&S

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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

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 supply of knee pads.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKJ14 Oxfordshire

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: 1 145 067 GBP

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

Special clothing and accessories. Knee pads - expressions of interest (EOI) are sought from companies interested in meeting the requirement for a 4 year framework contract. The knee pad must be capable of protecting the knee from penetration, discomfort and impact when a fully loaded combat soldier performs military tasks in operational conditions. (Combat patrol load carried by soldier approx 68kg). The knee pad shall be able to be used in a wide range of combinations of terrain, weather conditions and climate including but not restricted to rock, shale, and shingle in a desert environment, cold wet conditions of a woodland environment, and whilst operating in built up areas to provide protection from hard and sharp edges.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

18400000 Special clothing and accessories

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

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The Authority has a requirement for a possible future purchase of approximately 21 000 knee pads for the first 2 contractual years (dependent on operational demand). The estimated follow on quantities will be identified at tender stage. To satisfy technical assessment eligible tenderers will be required to submit a minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 samples, at no cost to the MOD, for evaluation as part of the tender process. Tenderers should note that they can only submit one product per bid due to constraints at user trial. Contractors who wish to express an interest in this tender are to forward a written expression of interest to the commercial officer named in the advert, emailed responses will be accepted.

The performance specification will be issued with the PQQ.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 145 067 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

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: 48 (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

Parent company guarantees, deed of indemnity or a bankers draft may be 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

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: To be issued with the tender.

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: (c) A statement of the undertaking's overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last 3 financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available. Employer's liability insurance is a legal requirement (except for businesses employing only the owner/close family members) and this should be at least 5 000 000 GBP. Please confirm that you have this in place.

Please provide a copy of your audited accounts for the most recent 2 years.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Evidence provided must demonstrate appropriate employer liability insurance.

No scoring will be given based on the accounts provided, however they will be subject to a risk based assessment looking at turnover, profitability, liquidity, capital structure and funding.

Where accounts are not provided or concerns are identified within the supplied accounts that would suggest a higher risk level, then those contractors will not be invited to tender.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

This will be fully detailed in the PQQ.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The PQQ will have the following Pass/Fail criteria.

ISO Accreditation - ISO 9001:2008.

Financial viability.

Willingness ability to trade electronically.

There will also be scored questions with a minimum compliancy score of 510. These headings are detailed later in the advert.

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 number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The minimum pass mark will be 510.

There will be pass/fail on certain criteria as detailed in this document.

Question weighting.

Supply chain management 25.

Project management 20.

Assurance to delivery schedule 20.

Risk management 15.

Quality management 15.

Sustainable procurement 5.

ROM costs n/a.

ISO accreditation pass/fail.

Financial viability pass/fail.

Willingness to trade electronically pass/fail.

Scoring.

Description mark.

High confidence 10.

Confidence 7.

Concerns 4.

Major concerns 0.

Pre-qualification criteria.

Maximum score 1000.

Supply chain management 250.

Project management 200.

Assurance to delivery schedule 200.

Risk management 150.

Quality management 150.

Sustainable procurement 50.

Minimum compliant score 510.

The top 5 scoring potential providers (with full compliancy against the pass/fail questions detailed in the PQQ) will progress to tender stage. The Authority reserves the right to review this figure should there be any additional companies that score the same as the potential provider in 5th place.

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

PCE/00031

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

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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

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.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Personal Combat Equipment Project Team, DE&S

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Personal Combat Equipment Project Team, DE&S

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Personal Combat Equipment Project Team, DE&S

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

14.3.2012