

United Kingdom-Bristol: Protective gear

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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

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)

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#### Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority/entity: [www.mod.co.uk](http://www.mod.co.uk)

#### 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

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### II.1. Description

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

VIRTUS Pulse 2 — Deliver and support (including repair/refurbish) ballistic protection plates and training plates to integrate with the in-service VIRTUS body armour and load carriage system.

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or place of performance: United Kingdom.

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)**

Protective gear. Garments for anti-ballistic protection. VIRTUS Pulse 2 — Deliver and support (including repair/refurbish) ballistic protection plates and training plates to integrate with the in-service VIRTUS body armour and load carriage system. This will consist of both the initial procurement and support for SAKER and options for further procurement and support, including OSPREY 2 (refer to II.2.1 for further detail).

In issuing this Contract Notice and engaging with the Market, the Authority is not committing to carrying out any procurement in relation to the requirements stated in this Notice. If third parties are interested in engaging with the Authority in relation to the requirements stated here they must do so without sharing information that is protected by copyright or patents.

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

18143000 Protective gear, 35815000 Garments for anti-ballistic protection

### **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

### **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 potential requirement for delivery and support (including repair /refurbishment) of medium protection ballistic plates (to be known as SAKER operational plates) and high protection ballistic plates (to be known as OSPREY 2 operational plates) together with associated training plates. Training plates are not to provide ballistic protection but to simulate accurately the mass, size and shape of SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational plates. Both SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational and training plates are to integrate with the in-service VIRTUS System, in particular the VIRTUS Scalable Tactical Vest.

SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational and training plates are required in a range of sizes for male and female users for dismounted close combat operations and training. Each user will require an appropriate level of protection coverage proportionate to their size. It is anticipated that there will be five sizes of operational and training plate sets, each consisting of a front and back plate required to fit the range of male and female users. The requirement for each size of plate set will be specified in the Invitation To Tender (ITT).

It is anticipated that under this contract the initial procurement will be for approximately 21 000 sets of both SAKER operational and training plates (consisting of a front and back plate), with options to sustain up to 107 254 sets of both SAKER operational and training plates and for on going through life product improvement. It is anticipated there will also be options to sustain up to 107 254 sets of OSPREY 2 operational and training plate sets (consisting of a front and back plate).

The Authority intends to present the project scope to the market at a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) Briefing Day planned on 29.3.2017 at Warminster, Wiltshire. At the PQQ Briefing Day more information will be provided regarding the project and the overarching requirement. The Authority will not meet any costs incurred by participation at the PQQ Briefing Day. Potential suppliers who wish to attend the PQQ Briefing Day shall send an

expression of interest by 21.3.2017 via the contact email at Section I.1 above.

The Authority is undertaking a PQQ exercise where potential suppliers will be required to demonstrate their level of competence against the Authority's criteria. Full assessment criteria and the evaluation process for the PQQ are detailed within the supporting PQQ documentation. PQQ responses are invited from potential suppliers who are capable of delivering and supporting both the SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational and training plates as detailed above. The Authority reserves the right to verify the information supplied within potential suppliers' responses to the PQQ.

The Authority currently intends to issue an Invitation To Tender to those successful at the PQQ stage, not before July 2017. Tender assessment is currently scheduled to take place between October 2017 and June 2018. Whilst the dates in this paragraph are the best current estimate, they may be subject to change due to unforeseen events, and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

The SAKER and OSPREY 2 requirements are protectively marked for security purposes and to be eligible to receive the Invitation to Tender potential suppliers must have a facility with a minimum of Provisional List X clearance.

Potential suppliers who are invited to tender will be required to provide samples of both SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational and training plate sets at Tender return.

At a later stage of the assessment there will be a requirement for additional sets of the proposed SAKER and OSPREY 2 operational and training plate sets for testing and trialling; to be delivered not earlier than November 2017 (date to be confirmed in the Invitation To Tender). Potential suppliers should note that the AWARD evaluation tool will be used at the Tender evaluation stages for this requirement.

The performance of the Contract will be subject to monitoring and management through key performance indicators.

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

Options: yes

Description of options: It is anticipated that there will be Contract Options for the delivery and support of SAKER operational and training plate sets. The Contract is likely to contain Options within the first 5 years together with a further 5 x 1 year Options resulting in a potential Contract of 10 years.

It is also anticipated that there will be an option to allow for the delivery and support of OSPREY 2 operational and training plates to sustain up to 107 254 users. The OSPREY 2 options are to be available for the period of the Contract (5 years) and for a further 5 x 1 year extension options.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:  
in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

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

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

## **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. 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**
- III.2. Conditions for participation**
  - III.2.1. Personal situation**
  - 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**
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Restricted
  - IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 2 and Maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The Authority currently intends to issue an Invitation To Tender to those successful at the PQQ stage, not before July 2017.

Time limit for receipt of EOI for PQQ Briefing Day — 21.3.2017 at 15:00.

Time limit for receipt of PQQ response — 13.4.2017 at 10:00.
  - 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/00187
  - IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 31.3.2017 - 10:00  
Payable documents: no

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

13.4.2017 - 10:00

**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**

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

**VI.3. Additional information**

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. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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

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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: 8F729RXC34.

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.

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GO Reference: GO-2017314-DCB-9797269.

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

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

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)

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##### **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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Country: United Kingdom

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

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

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

14.3.2017