

United Kingdom-Telford: Towed artillery

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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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**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, DSG

Postal address: LSBU, CPT, BLDG B15, MOD Donnington

Town: Telford

Postal code: TF2 8JT

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Drawings and specifications to be provided at ITT

**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**

The manufacture and supply of cradle and yokes for the gun, 105 mm, field, L118, towed.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKG21 Telford and Wrekin

**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)**

Towed artillery. Defence Support Group Land Supply Business Unit which is part of the UK Ministry of Defence has a requirement for precision metal worked components in support of the Gun, 105 mm, Field, L118 Towed.

The requirement is for the manufacture, fabrication and supply of the following NATO Stock numbers:

— N1 1015-99-964-2650 MPN FL17226 Cradle, Cannon quantity 40,

— N1 1015-99-962-2994 MPN FL16388 Cradle, Cannon (Yoke Front) quantity 40,

— N1 1015-99-962-2823 MPN FL16353 Cradle, Cannon (Yoke Rear) quantity 40.

The requirement calls for quantities 40 Cradles to be supplied with quantity 1 Front and quantity 1 Rear Yoke fitted. Further quantities of the Front and Rear Yokes may be required and the firm quantities will be provided at the ITT stage.

Due to the nature and the exacting requirements of the materials, manufacture (Forging, Machining, Fabrication) and testing processes needed for these Articles it is expected that a close collaborative approach will be required throughout the Tender process.

Drawings and Specifications will be provided with the Invitation to Tender. Contractor's submissions should be in strict accordance of the drawing, specifications and the materials stated therein.

It is the intention of the Authority to place the Contract with a single supplier.

Any resulting Contract shall contain a set of Key Performance Indicators to measure performance in areas such as quality and delivery and shall include remedies for poor performance. It is the intention to operate payment for this requirement under the MOD Form 640 process.

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

35322300 Towed artillery

**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 requirement is for the manufacture (Forging / Machining / Fabrication with material stated within the Specifications) & supply of Cradle & Yokes for the Gun, 105 mm, Field, L118, Towed.

The requirement calls for:

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Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 4 000 000 and 10 000 000 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: 24 (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 requirements of the DPQQ shall prevail.

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

Payment shall follow delivery and acceptance of goods and shall be made by MOD Form 640.

#### **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**

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 a Security Aspects Letter the authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspects letter to reflect any changes in national law or government policy whether in respect of the applicable protective markings scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

#### **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: The estimated Contract value is approx 5 000 000. If the estimated annual contract value is greater than 40 % 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, eg. 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.

### **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:

The requirements of the DPQQ shall prevail.

### **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**

Negotiated

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

Envisaged minimum number 3

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

### **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**

LSBU10/1210

#### **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**

16.4.2015 - 15:00

#### **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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Contractors are to be aware that any submissions received that are not in strict accordance of the Drawings and Specifications provided for this requirement may be considered innovative or variant and as a result may not be considered further.

If requests for concessions are submitted Contractors should provide a list of any concessions sought through the specification of commercially obsolete materials, along with the supporting evidence for use of the suggested alternatives which is to include comparative data against the original specification and any proposed alternative for assessment by MoDs representative. 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/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: P642U46RH9. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 24.4.2015 14:00. 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 Helpdesk by emailing — [support@contracts.mod.uk](mailto:support@contracts.mod.uk) or call 0800 282 324. GO Reference: GO-2015317-DCB-6445318.

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

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

**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**

17.3.2015