

United Kingdom-Bristol: Computer configurations

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Contract notice

Services

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

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support

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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/entities

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**

Provision of Support for the Wear Debris Management System.

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

Services

Service category No 13: Computer and related services

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

II.1.3. Information about framework agreement

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 months: 60

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 and 2 000 000 GBP

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

Computer configurations. Software package and information systems. Industry specific software package. Aviation ground support software package. Ad-hoc WDMS Post Design Services (PDS)Tasking. The contractor shall provide quotations for WDMS PDS software maintenance tasks and improvements to the WDMS application as requested by the Project Manager (AIME2). The ad-hoc tasking activities shall include:

I. Provide support for the planned incorporation of and fielding of minor changes to WDMS, the requirement for which has been brought about by the in-service experience of the operation of WDMS.

II. Assist in maintaining an effective software development environment for the WDMS web based application though debugging the existing software.

III. Manage configuration control issues and ensure compatibility is maintained for the COTS software are items used in the application development.

IV. Pro-actively identify any obsolescence issues associated with WDMS.

V. Provide support for the planned fielding of any defect rectification required for the application.

VI. Provide support for the planned fielding of any urgent operational requirements that may occur and may require changes to the application.

b. There is no Core PDS. All activities will be based on a demand basis.

. Wear Debris Management System (WDMS) - This is a Windows forms application which is used to support the end to end Wear Debris Analysis (WDA) process, as applied to military aircraft. WDMS supports the registration of samples, the recording of analysis results and the dissemination of advice and recommendations relating to air safety and the continuing airworthiness of aircraft subject to monitoring.

. WDA sample types include oil samples, magnetic debris probe samples and filter samples. WDMS also allows images of debris from microscope mounted cameras to be stored in JPEG format.

. WDMS also includes a web application, used by aircraft operators to remotely register samples on to the system. This is accessible by MoD users through the Defence Information Infrastructure (DII) portal. This allows samples to be tracked during the analysis and reporting stages. Sample results are promulgated via tailored emails or downloaded by stakeholders as bespoke database reports.

. The centralized database enables access to all Wear Debris Analysis (WDA) information from anywhere on the MoD's internal network. The system provides a standard way of submitting and reporting WDA information across all aircraft platforms. The information collected is used for reviewing aircraft engine and transmission systems with a view to monitoring fault trends and improving system reliability.

. The current WDMS application was first developed almost 20 years ago. The software development languages used for database connectivity and the application elements have obsolescence issues.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

30211400 Computer configurations, 48000000 Software package and information systems, 48100000 Industry specific software package, 48131000 Aviation ground support software package

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

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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: 60 (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

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

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 marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

III.1.5. Information about security clearance

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until:
16.8.2015

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.

The Authority will require a declaration of Good Standing in the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

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: (c) where appropriate, a statement, covering the three previous financial years of the economic operator, of: (i) the overall turnover of the business of the economic operator; and (ii) where appropriate, the turnover in respect of the work, works, goods or services which are of a similar type to the subject matter of the contract.

This information will be sought through a formal Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please see text in VI.3) Additional Information.

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)

List and brief description of conditions: This information will be sought through a formal Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

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:

(a) in the case of a supply contract requiring the siting or installation of goods, a services contract or a works contract, the economic operator's technical ability, taking into account in particular that economic operator's skills, efficiency, experience and reliability

(c) a statement of the principal goods sold or services provided by the supplier or the services provider in the past five years, or during a shorter period if necessary, and: (i) the dates on which the goods were sold or the services provided; (ii) the consideration received; (iii) the identity of the person to whom the goods were sold or the service were provided; (iv) any certificate issued or countersigned by that person confirming the details of the contract for those goods sold or services provided; and (v) where - (a) that person was not a contracting authority, and (b) the certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) is not available, any declaration by the economic operator attesting the details of the goods sold or services provided

(d) a statement of the technicians or technical services available to the economic operator to: (i) carry out the work under the contract, or (ii) be involved in the production of goods or the provision of services under the contract, particularly those responsible for quality control, whether or not they are independent of the economic operator

(e) a statement of the economic operator's: (i) technical facilities; (ii) measures for ensuring quality; (iii) study and research facilities; and (iv) internal rules regarding intellectual property

(h) the environmental management measures, that the economic operator is able to apply when performing the contract, but only where it is necessary for the performance of that contract

(i) a statement of the services provider's or contractor's average annual number of staff and managerial staff over the previous three years

(o) any other evidence of conformity to quality management systems standards which are equivalent to the standards referred to in sub-paragraph (n)(i)

This information will be sought through a formal Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Criteria defined in PQQ.

Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)

List and brief description of conditions:

Criteria defined in PQQ.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Criteria defined in PQQ.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

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 2 and Maximum number 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Interested suppliers are required to complete the PQQ to provide information that allows the Authority to evaluate the supplier's capacities and capabilities against the selection criteria set out at Sections III.2.1), III.2.2) and III.2.3) of this Contract Notice.

The Authority will use the PQQ response to create a shortlist of tenderers who:

- (1) are eligible to participate under Section III.2.1) of this Contract Notice;
- (2) fulfil any minimum standards under Sections III.2.2) and III.2.3) of this Contract Notice; and
- (3) best meet in terms of capacity and capability the selection criteria set out Sections III.2.2) and III.2.3) of this Contract Notice.

Full details of the method for choosing the tenderers will be set out in the Dynamic PQQ.

Top 10 scoring compliant candidates will be invited to tender. PQQ contains the scoring matrix.

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

ACCOMM/00051

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

4.5.2015 - 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

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.

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>

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The estimated annual contract value is 400 000 GBP. 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, e.g. 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. This assessment will include the Parent company where applicable. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organisation will be utilised as part of this process. ”

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: FS68E87G4P. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 4.5.2015 15:00. 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 or call +44 800282324.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

2.4.2015