

United Kingdom-High Wycombe: Adult-education services at university level

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Contract notice

Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Ministry of Defence, C&C

Postal address: Nimrod Building, N° 3 Site, RAF High Wycombe

Town: High Wycombe

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HP14 4UE

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: simon.bratchell643@mod.gov.uk**Internet address(es):**Main address: www.contracts.mod.uk**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: www.contracts.mod.uk

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Provision of a Part-Time Distance Learning Online MA in Air, Space and Cyber Power for the RAF

Reference number: ACT/04608

II.1.2. Main CPV code

80430000 Adult-education services at university level

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

Provision of a part-time distance learning MA in air, space and cyber power studies. The requirement will cover 5 Intake (2,5 years per intake) periods 1.9.2019 to 28.2.2026 plus 1 Option intake covering 1.9.2024 to 28.2.2027. Course design and development for delivery for 1.9.2019, will include course design review dates on the 1.3.2019 & 1.5.2019.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 924 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: United Kingdom.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The requirement is for an Air Power MA online course that is open to all RAF personnel, (regular and reserve) from Senior Aircraftsman to squadron leader as part of the chief of air staff's fellowship scheme. The requirement is to provide five annual course intake periods, starting 1.9.2019. One further course intake option period starting 1.9.2024 will be made available if required by the authority.

Course design - The contractor is to provide all course materials and academic content for delivery by 1.9.2019 but as part of the course design and development, an initial review detailing the planned course content is to be made available by 1.3.2019. Subsequently the detailed course content is to be ready for review by 1.5.2019, allowing sufficient time for any potential amendment ahead of the course delivery on 1.9.2019.

The MA is to be part-time, 2 ½ years in length and delivered entirely online. There will be 2 compulsory air, space and cyber power modules that cover historical, contemporary and future air power. The remainder of the course will comprise elective modules selected from the area of war studies, military history, international relations and strategic studies.

Access to all course materials, content and discussion forums will be made available online, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Each student will have a tutor /supervisor who will act as the student's academic POC. The contractor can make this course available for enrolment to the general public and international military and government attendees in order to ensure a wide and diverse student experience for RAF attendees.

Please be advised that a copy of the Invitation to tender is attached as supporting documents within the PQQ.

The Cyber Essentials DCP (Defence Cyber Protection Partnership) internet based cyber security model risk assessment has been completed by the RAF User (the Customer), thus the cyber risk of this requirement is classified as very low. If your company is subsequently invited to tender then your tender must include the completion of the "Supplier Assurance Questionnaire" via the internet based DCP cyber security model online link:

<https://suppliercyberprotection.service.xgov.uk/> This is to demonstrate a supplier's compliance

with the required cyber risk level. More information will be published with regards to this process, the evaluation criteria and how to access the information/website once the tender documentation is live.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/07/2018 End: 28/02/2026

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

One further course intake option period starting 1.9.2024 will be made available if required by the authority.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 2Maximum number: 7Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The authority will use the PQQ response to create a shortlist of tenders who are eligible to participate; fulfill any minimum economic, financial, professional and technical standards; and best meet in terms of capacity and capability the selection criteria set out in this PQQ. Full details of the method of choosing the tenders are set out in the PQQ. It is the intention to down select to between approximately 2 and 7 suppliers who will be invited to tender, providing they receive a pass in any pass /fail questions within the PQQ. If the supplier receives a fail in a pass /fail question then they will automatically fail the evaluation and will not be invited to participate any further.

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The information and /or documents for this opportunity are available on 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 the response manager and add the following access code: MB5RRZ5588. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 18.4.2018 09:00. 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 ”

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

As stated in the DPQQ.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

The estimated annual contract value is 154 000 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 could be utilised as part of this process.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

Electronic trading.

Potential suppliers must note the mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool. All payments for contractor deliverables under the contract shall only be made via CP&F. You can find details on CP&F at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system>

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 18/04/2018 Local time: 09:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 19/04/2018

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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. 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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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Ministry of Defence, C&C,

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

19/03/2018