

UK-Andover: investigation services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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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

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

Civilian Investigator Support to the Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT).

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

Services

Service category No 23: Investigation and security services, except armoured car services
NUTS code UKK1 Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

Investigation services. The Authority has a requirement for an investigative capability to work within the Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT), which is responsible for the effective investigation of allegations arising from British military action in Iraq between 2003 and 2009. This capability must conform to United Kingdom civilian police investigation standards. The individuals required will be integrated with Royal Navy Police (RNP) investigators to form blended Review and Investigative Teams within the IHAT. This requirement will be met by a Contractor specialising in ex-civilian police investigative skills. The Contractor will be required to continually and proactively manage the provision of a suitably qualified and experienced civilian capability to work with the RNP personnel so that IHAT is able to undertake effective criminal investigations between the contract award date and 31 October 2013 (or later depending on the subsequent take up of any option periods contained in the Contract). The Armed Forces Act 2006 places certain obligations on the MoD for the investigation of offences, and the application of an Evidence Sufficiency Test, which limit the role that civilian investigators may play. Civilian investigators will be used to review cases, interview witnesses, record testimonies, assist with developing investigation strategy and take part in the conduct of interviews after caution. Civilian investigators will be required to provide statements of evidence and interview summaries where necessary. The Contractor shall make available suitably-qualified and experienced individuals that are able to work in accordance with the requirements of; the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the Criminal Procedure Investigations Act 1996; and have demonstrable and proven previous experience as a detective with competence in the conduct and review of serious criminal investigations to a minimum standard of Professionalizing the Investigation Project (PIP) Level 2, or equivalent, achieved during service in Criminal Investigation Departments of the civil police. The Contractor shall ensure that all individuals are CRB checked and meet other security checks as the Authority may dictate.

The current IHAT location is Upavon, Wiltshire but there is a possibility that the team may move to another location within the Hampshire/Wiltshire area, either prior to the commencement of the contract or in the early months of the contract.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79720000 Investigation services

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 Contractor will be required to make available a range of experienced investigative capabilities to meet the revised needs of the IHAT so that it is able to complete its investigation of all extant allegations. It is envisaged that the Investigation Teams will number up to an estimated maximum of 100 personnel at any one time. This figure is likely to be subject to revision prior to tender and in any event, details of the number of teams and their duties will be detailed in future tender documents. The Contractor will need to demonstrate the ability to increase the capacity, should circumstances require it.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 3 400 000 and 5 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: There is the possibility that the Authority will include an option to continue the contracted services for up to a further 2 years in 1 year periods.

The estimated value range stated above relates solely to the potential one year contract.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Start 1.11.2012. Completion 31.10.2013

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

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 minimum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The Authority aims to invite no more than 6 Operators to tender. The objective criteria for choosing this number of operators will be Technical & Professional Capability, Economic & Financial Standing. All parties interested in this requirement may be required to respond to a short Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 23 to 26 inclusive of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 as amended 2007 & 2009, providing further evidence of their credentials and experience in meeting the Authority's requirement. If considered necessary, a PQQ will be issued after the closing date for receipt of expressions of interest.

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). For avoidance of doubt, the contracting authority points out that no weight will be attached to whether or not an economic operator is an SME in selecting economic operators to submit tenders or in assessing the most economically advantageous tender.

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: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

HQLF2/1912

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

15.6.2012 - 17:00

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.

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

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

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: LF Res Commercial, C&C

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: LF Res Commercial, C&C

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: LF Res Commercial, C&C

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10.5.2012