

UK-Bristol: protective and safety clothing

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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/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

Tactical Hearing Protection System.

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)

Protective and safety clothing. The Authority has a requirement for the provision of hearing protection. The system shall be fielded to users in the land environment. It shall be optimised for the dismounted soldier so that situational awareness is maintained whilst wearing the system.

The Total Fleet Requirement (TFR) has been broken down into the following user groups.
Dismounted user.

The dismounted user exists from Phase 1 training across the land environment and requires protection from both impulse and steady state noise. The dismounted user must have a system that is compatible with in-service communications. The dismounted user may, on occasion, be transported by a platform but compatibility with a platform's intercom system is not required.

Platform user.

The platform user exists from Phase 2 / 3 training across the land environment and requires protection from both impulse and steady state noise. A platform user is either a crew member whose primary role is the operation of that platform or a passenger whose primary transportation around the battlefield is by a platform. When operating in a dismounted role, THPS must ensure:

- (a) Crew members can dismount with minimal or no loss of hearing protection.
- (b) Passengers to have compatibility with a platform's intercom system, dismount without the loss of hearing protection and the need to doff and don PPE.
- (c) Platform Users to have the same capability as the dismounted user, including the requirement to train on THPS in Phase 1 training.

Enhanced user.

An enhanced user is a dismounted user who is required to wear a greater level of hearing protection due to the weapon systems being operated.

Quantities.

The dismounted user capability is to be provided to the whole of Land Environment. The Enhanced user capability is to be provided only to those that require it so will likely be significantly fewer in number. The quantities of equipment required will depend on the solutions proposed.

More detail will be available at the ITN stage of this competition.

Levels of protection.

Impulse and Steady state Noise levels in the Land environment can be high and the system shall reduce these to acceptable levels.

Further information will be available on the noise levels that users are exposed to and the level of protection that is required at the ITN stage of this competition.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35113400 Protective and safety clothing

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

Upto 150 000 users are to be protected.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Options will also be sought to supply spares and consumables for the equipment as required/consumed by the users for the life of the contract.

Options will be sought to extend the contract for up to a further 3 years.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: 48 (from the award of the 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 18.3.2013. Completion 18.3.2017

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. 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

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://project.contracts.mod.uk/businessExchange/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

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

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Negotiated

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

Envisaged minimum number 3 and Maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Will be detailed in the pre qualification questionnaire.

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

DSS/00071

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

12.6.2012 - 09:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

18.7.2012

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

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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Please note all dates are indicative and maybe subject to change.

The Authority intends to run a pre qualification questionnaire exercise and it is anticipated that PQQs will be issued on 19th June 2012.

In order to be issued a Pre qualification questionnaire bidders must provide confirmation that they shall apply the requirements of HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standards (BPSS) for all individuals having access to restricted information.

As part of the negotiated procedure negotiations and iterative tendering may be undertaken.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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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

11.5.2012