

UK-Bristol: Combat uniforms
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Contract notice
Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S
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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

Combat Garments and Occupational Clothing.

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

Supplies
Purchase
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 years: 4

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

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 74 000 000 and 147 000 000 GBP

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

Combat uniforms. Occupational clothing. Combat Garments and Occupational Clothing.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35812000 Combat uniforms, 18110000 Occupational 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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

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 range of items includes combat clothing, trousers, skirts, T-shirts, sportswear and towels and a variety of occupational clothing. There are over 200 individual products. The estimated annual call-off is between 12.8 million to 18.1 million garments over the period of the contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 74 000 000 and 147 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Option to extend the contract for a further year.

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

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Combat Garments

1) Short description

Combat Garments

2) CPV code(s)

35812000 Combat uniforms

3) Quantity or scope

A range of garments, with approximately 60 products, including, but not limited to combat uniforms. This includes the Personal Clothing System for the Royal Navy, Army and RAF. The range of garments includes trousers, jackets, helmet covers, flying clothing and underwear. The quantity of garments required is estimated to be between 6 million to 10.1 million garments over the period of the contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 50 000 000 and 107 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Occupational Clothing

1) Short description

Occupational Clothing

2) CPV code(s)

18110000 Occupational clothing

3) Quantity or scope

A range of garments for occupational clothing, with approximately 190 products, including but not limited to: T shirts, underwear, sportswear, coveralls, trousers and skirts. The estimated quantity required is approximately 6.6 million to 8 million garments over the period of the contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 24 000 000 and 40 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

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 request a Bank or Parent Company Guarantee 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, and conditions relating to financing and payment will be specified in the contract documents.

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

Please note that Contractor to Contractor Transfer of Undertaking (Protected Employment) Legislation (TUPE) may apply to this requirement, and that the current contractor is Cooneen Watts and Stone Ltd, 23 Cooneen Road, Fivemiletown, BT75 0NE.

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: (a) Appropriate statements from the economic operator's bankers or where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance

(b) The presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established

(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.

The Authority will require a copy of your most recent two years of audited accounts (if available), or equivalent information. This information will be sought through the formal pre-qualification questionnaire stage and is not required in response to this contract notice.

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
This information, which will include the required ISO accreditation and AQAP requirements will be sought through the formal pre-qualification questionnaire stage and is not required in response to this contract notice.

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

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted

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: Interested suppliers are invited to apply for a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) by contacting the Authority with their expression of interest in response to this Contract Notice, PQQs will be issued after the advert has closed. Potential suppliers are required to send the Authority a completed PQQ providing information that allows the Authority to evaluate the supplier's capacity and capability 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 list of suppliers who are eligible to participate under Section III.2.1 of this Contract Notice and who also meet the selection criteria set out in Sections III.2.2 and III.2.3 of this Contract Notice. There will be a two-stage evaluation, Stage 1 will be a Pass/Fail evaluation based on the minimum financial and technical standards required, and Stage 2 will be an assessment of the supplier's capability, based on the evidence provided in the PQQ response. The following selection criteria will be evaluated in Stage 2 of the PQQ: the ability to deliver quality in volume production; the ability to consistently deliver requirements to agreed lead-times for products with estimated high volumes, low volumes and intermittent demand; the capacity to execute sustainable procurement and corporate social responsibility; the ability to effectively manage the supply chain; the ability to manage risks for a requirement of this size; and past experience /performance on contracts for similar volume requirements. Subject to the essential pass/fail requirements and the minimum pass mark being met, potential suppliers will then be ranked for each lot, with the top 6 being invited to tender (the Authority intends to select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 potential suppliers to be invited to tender for each Lot). Full details of the method for selecting tenderers will be set out in the PQQ.

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: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: Yes. A Reverse Auction, conducted using electronic means, may be used as part of the procurement process for this requirement.

Specific relevant information on Reverse Auction usage will be given in the Invitation to Tender.

IV.3. Administrative information

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

DC/4019

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

23.7.2013 - 23:59

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 (MOD) 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.

There will be a requirement for ad hoc taskings with minor development work. An ability to conduct business electronically will be an essential requirement. The announcement of a future requirement is not to be construed as confirmation that a tender / contract will subsequently be issued; announcements are for information only. Thus the issue of a possible future notice, or the issue of an invitation to tender, is not to be construed as a commitment by the MOD to place an order as a result of the tendering exercise or at a later stage. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgment of potential suppliers. The Key Performance Indicator Measurement process is a tool to provide a consistent means of capturing and reporting performance achievement across MOD-wide business against pre-determined and agreed activities at various times throughout the life of a contract. Its' purpose is to aid the relationship between the MOD and Industry at all levels of the business by a better understanding of the actual performance achieved whilst under contract and it is intended to be used in support of incentivisation mechanisms.

The MOD as a major UK government Department is required and determined to fully pursue the principles and practices of Sustainable Procurement. As well as meeting its' social obligations MOD is particularly concerned with demonstrating greater fuel efficiency (reduced fuel consumption) and improvements in its use of scarce natural resources, to minimise any consequential environmental impacts. Any Potential Providers to MOD will be expected to be equally committed to this agenda and to make positive contributions to the above aims and objectives, Potential Providers will also be required to comply with all Government Buying Standards (GBS) which may be relevant to this requirement. A copy of the GBS can be found on the DEFRA website at www.defra.gov.uk/sustainable/index.htm

Please note that the requirement to which this notice relates comes under Logistic Commodities and Services (LCS), formed on 1 August 2011. LCS is determining the future strategy for all commodities and services within its remit and may in the future place a contract for the supply of services which may include the provision of articles (or services) which are covered by this notice. In this event the Authority may satisfy its requirement from the LCS service contract and no further orders will be placed against any framework arising from this notice.

It is to be noted that this requirement is subject to UK Government policy on transparency and that the PQQ, Tender documents and any subsequent Contract Documents may be subject to publication in a redacted format on the following website where guidance on the scope can be found; www.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk

The Authority may use the AWARD bid evaluation tool to assist in the management of the PQQ evaluation process and/or any subsequent Tender evaluation.

In addition to the use by the Ministry of Defence itself, which shall remain its primary purpose, the Ministry is seeking to establish that the Framework Agreement is also available for use by or on behalf of UK public sector bodies (and their statutory successors and organisations created as a result of re-organisation or organisational changes) with requirements for the types of supplies referred to in this notice. These include, but are not limited to Central Government Departments & their Agencies. A list of Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) can be found at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>); NHS Bodies i.e. Acute Trusts, Ambulance Trusts, Primary Care trusts, Care Trusts, NHS Hospital Trusts, Strategic Health Authorities, Mental Health Trusts, Special Health Authorities (a list of such Authorities and Trusts can be found at: <http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectorries/Pages/PrimaryCareTrustListing.aspx>), Local Authorities i.e. a local authority as defined in Regulation 4(a) to (d) of The Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 ("DSPCR"), Police & Emergency Services Authorities (i.e. fire authorities, fire and rescue authorities (a list of fire authorities can be

found at: <http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>), police authorities and the Metropolitan Police Authority as defined by Regulation 4 (a) of the DSPCR.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S

Postal address: As Section 1.1

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Defence Clothing (DC), DE&S

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

14.6.2013