

United Kingdom-Bristol: Technical support services

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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, ISTAR, Situational Awareness Command and Control (SACC) Delivery Team

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General address of the contracting authority/entity: www.mod.gov.uk

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 Technical Support to the UK Link 16 Frequency Clearance Agreement

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

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

Main site or place of performance: Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol / Bath area.

NUTS code UKK1 Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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)

Technical support services. The Situational Awareness Command and Control Deliver Team, (SACC DT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a new Contract for the support, repair, maintenance and storage of the Frequency Clearance (FC) System. This Contract will be for an initial period of 24 (24) months with two (2) twelve (12) month extension options.

The principal requirements of the Link 16 Frequency Clearance Support contract are as follows:

- to undertake compatibility testing of Link 16 with Communications Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) systems operating in the 960-1215 MHz frequency band, using the government furnished FC Test equipment, known as the 8 Net Signal Source. This is a collection of bespoke test equipment enabling interference testing of Link 16 on civilian aeronautical CNS equipment, as required by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) under the terms of the FC Agreement (FCA),
- to support of all aspects of Link 16 network management, monitoring, design, planning and the technical aspects of the FCA to support the Joint Data Link Management Organisation (JDLMO), including working with the JDLMO to maintain compliance with the terms of the FCA, including the CAA audit process, and maintaining clearance to radiate for all Link 16 platforms in the UK Flight Information Region,
- to manage and maintain the Link 16 FCA Safety Management System (FCA SMS) and all associated documentation on behalf of the MoD and CAA. The FCA SMS includes the Safety and Environmental Management Plan, Baseline Safety Case, Terminal Safety Cases (Generic and Specific variants) and Platform Safety Cases. A Subject Matter Expert is required to manage the FCA SMS including technically reviewing Terminal and Platform Safety Cases and staffing them through the FCA Safety Committee approvals process. A detailed knowledge of the background and content of the above documents is required to deliver this requirement,
- in order to deliver this requirement a detailed knowledge of how Link 16 interferes with CNS systems, and the ability to undertake interference assessments against the following equipment is required: Distance Measuring Equipment (DME), Tactical Air Navigation Aids (TACAN), Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR), Automatic Dependent Surveillance (Broadcast) ADS-B, 1090 MHz Multi-lateration, Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and L-Band Digital Aeronautical Communications (L-DAC).

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71356300 Technical support services

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

Category F1d requirement.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 347 868 and 869 716 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The developing nature of the TDL environment means that the precise extent and duration of the requirement could be subject to change, therefore an initial 24 month contract will be placed, and 2 x 12 month extension Options will be included, for the possible continuation of the contract.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:
in months: 24 (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

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 require an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the required standard for economic or 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 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 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 incorporate a Security Aspects Letter into the contract, in addition to other security related Terms and Conditions. The Authority also reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific proactive 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:
1.10.2018

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.

A declaration of Good Standing will be made by completion of 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)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: The estimated annual value of the contract is 200 000 GBP (VAT exc.). 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:

- a) any additional information proving it has sufficient economic and financial resources to deliver the requirement; and
- b) statement whether the supplier is willing to provide the Authority with an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond.

At least 2 years audited accounts (if available) or equivalent must be submitted as part of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) response. The Authority reserves the right to request further financial information following receipt of the PQQ response.

A financial assessment will be undertaken on the suppliers 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 parent company where applicable. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organization may be utilized as part of this process.

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

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;
- (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;
- (j) a description of the tools, material, technical equipment, staff numbers, know-how and sources of supply (with an indication of their geographical location when it is outside the territory of the EU) available to the economic operator to perform the contract, cope with any additional needs required by the contracting authority as a result of a crisis or carry out the maintenance, modernisation or adaptation of the goods covered by the contract;
- (m) in the case of contracts involving, entailing or containing classified information, evidence of the ability to process, store and transmit such information at the level of protection required by the Contracting Authority;
- (n) a certificate:
 - (i) attesting conformity to quality management systems standards based on the relevant European standard; and
 - (ii) from an independent accredited body established in any member State conforming to the European standards concerning accreditation and certification.

Completion of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire will be required in order to evaluate technical capability.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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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: yes

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 2

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 Help Text Box for the Dynamic PQQ.

In addition to the Pass / Fail criteria, a minimum pass mark of 70% overall in the PQQ is required to progress to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) Stage.

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

SACC/00047

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

11.6.2018 - 16:00

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

10.7.2018

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. 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>

Electronic Trading:

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

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The Cyber Risk Assessment has been assessed as VERY-LOW.

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>

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:
EYBG3MRBAT

Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is detailed within this Contract Notice, you will also have visibility of the deadline date, once you have added the Access code via DCO as the opening and closing date is visible within the opportunity.

Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this opportunity 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 (FAQs) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Helpdesk by emailing support@contracts.mod.uk or Telephone 0800 282 324

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Ministry of Defence, ISTAR, Situational Awareness Command and Control (SACC) Delivery Team

Town: Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 3067936366

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Ministry of Defence, ISTAR, Situational Awareness Command and Control (SACC) Delivery Team

Town: Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

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

9.5.2018