

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Development of military vehicles**

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: James Wiggins

E-mail: [james.wiggins358@mod.uk](mailto:james.wiggins358@mod.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**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Cougar Platforms and Other Related Equipments Post Design Services.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKK11 Bristol, City of

**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)**

Development of military vehicles. Armoured military vehicles. To provide Post Design Services

(PDS) including the design and development of modifications and the delivery of associated mod kits, against the following vehicle types, hereafter known as “The Platforms”.

- Mastiff – All variants;
- Wolfhound – All variants;
- Ridgback – All Variants;
- Roll Over Drills and Egress Trainer (RODET);
- Possibly, Cougar Training Vehicles (CTV);
- Possibly, Buffalo – All Variants;
- Possibly, CHOKER Mine roller System.

Core Services to include, but not be limited to:

- Legislative Compliances;
- Safety and Environmental Factor;
- Obsolescence Management;
- Reliability;
- Maintainability;
- Equipment Capability;
- Configuration Management;
- Project Management and Technical Meetings;
- To undertake Capability Improvements (CI) as required and authorised by the authority, which may include priority rapid response improvements.

Design and Development

Non Core Services to include but not be limited to:

- Design and Develop hardware modification kits and/or software;
- Manufacture and Assess performance of prototypes;
- Manage equipment trials;
- Analyse and report on equipment trials;
- Produce new and amend existing drawings, publications and documentation;
- Prepare Service modification schedules and fitting instructions;
- Investigate manufacturing or material issues;
- Advise on impacts to training, Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) / Through Life Support (TLS);
- Configuration Management of platform and related documentation;
- Undertake supply of mod kits as required;
- Undertake fitment of mod kits as required.

To manage the procurement, supply and delivery of Modifications Kits on behalf of the Authority where applicable; however the authority reserves the right to compete the delivery of mod kits where relevant.

Where a modification to the design of equipment is necessary, there may be the requirement to embody Modification Kits into equipment at any worldwide location. Management of any retrofit Modification Kits, including updating drawing packs, configurations and Manufacturing Data Pack (MDP) shall also be undertaken.

To be responsible for providing appropriate training to accompany Modification Kits in conjunction with the Authority where applicable.

Design Authority

To act as the Design Authority (DA) for the platforms and underwrite any design, development and modifications to the platforms.

Equipment Failure Reports (EFR)

To investigate and report EFR, Equipment Repair Reports (ERR), Land Accident Investigation Team (LAIT) reports and Serious Equipment Failure Investigation Team (SEFIT) reports as well as monitor and progress issues that arise as a result, as required.

## Licences

To manage:

- Export Licenses;
- Work Permits and visas where applicable;
- End User Certificates;
- International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR);
- Retransfer Agreements (linked to ITAR);
- Technical Assistance Agreements (TAA);
- Any other licence that is pertinent to the conduct of this contract.

## Army Equipment Support Publications (AESP)

To maintain all relevant AESPs for the platforms and carry out updates.

## Safety

To raise, review, issue and manage Contractor-generated Safety Notices to the Project Team for the platforms.

To provide a Safety and Environmental Management System in accordance with the Contractor's Safety and Environmental Plan and support the Authority with the review of updates to the Safety and Environmental cases for the platforms.

## Quality Management

To provide a Quality Management System in accordance with the Contractors Quality Management Plan.

## Risk Management

To be responsible for implementing and maintaining a risk management process, which shall be detailed in the Contractors Risk and Opportunity Management Plan.

## Technical Representative

To be required to provide a UK based Technical Representative for the period of the Contract to provide support to The Authority and users/stakeholders of The Platforms by enhancing the support offered.

## Reference Equipment

To hold and manage all Reference Equipment supplied as Government Furnished Equipment (GFE), maintaining it to the latest Theatre Entry Standard (TES) for the sole purpose of executing Design Services where required.

## Project Advice and Assistance

To provide the Authority with advice & assistance for the platforms. They shall also provide technical information and assistance to agencies authorised by The Authority to receive such information, keeping The Authority informed of any key decisions that arise.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

73423000 Development of military vehicles, 35410000 Armoured military vehicles

### **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 scope of this contract is to provide Post Design Services to the Cougar platforms including

all variants of Wolfhound, Mastiff, Ridgback, RODET and, possibly, CHOKER mineroller, Cougar Training Vehicles (CTV) and Buffalo. There will be critical tasks outlined within any subsequent Invitation to Tender.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 20 000 000 and 100 000 000 GBP

### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: Possibility of 5 x 12 month extensions. These will be listed as options.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: 60 (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: 24 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

The Authority reserves the right to ask for an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet a 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 services, subject to satisfactory performance to be measured using Key Performance Indicators. The payment arrangements for the core activity shall be paid on a quarterly basis in arrears.

#### **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. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: The minimum security capacity level for the safeguarding of classified information is the Facility Security Clearance. Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until the date of Contract Award 14.10.2013. The contract Security Aspects shall be detailed within the contract Security Aspects Letter (SAL) to be provided within any subsequent Invitation to Tender (ITT) with the highest security clearance being UK SECRET Eyes Only. Contractor personnel shall be required to meet the security clearance relevant to each task.

Candidates should note that the Cougar platforms are subject to the United States (US) International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Candidates must be willing to obtain the necessary US State Department re-transfer approval. Candidates must provide in their Expression of Interest (EoI) the company names and addresses of all parties who may be involved with the development of the candidates subsequent response to any ITT to initiate

this process. The re-transfer approval must be agreed by the State Department prior to ITT issue, provisionally 10.9.2013.

The Contractors performance for the duration of the Contract shall be monitored using financially linked KPIs. Details to be provided in any subsequent ITT.

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, 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 45(1) of Directive 2004/18/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2006 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 45 (2) of Directive 2004/18/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the PCR 2006) 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. For candidates who are registered overseas, you will need to declare if you have any offences/misconduct under your own countries laws, where these laws are equivalent to the Regulation 23 lists.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 45(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 45 (2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: (a) Appropriate statements from banks or, where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance.

(c) A statement of the undertaking's overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last three financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available.

As part of the expression of interest (EoI) potential suppliers will be required to submit audited financial account for the most recent three years. If a potential supplier is unable to provide these they can contact the Authority to provide an alternative submission of financial capacity. The Authority may down select companies out of the competition if the annual contract value exceeds 25 % of the company's annual turnover. Companies can provide parent company guarantees or a statement of your cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position to support their bid should their financial capacity be weaker.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Annual contract value must be less than 25 % of company's annual turnover. If this is not possible Companies can provide parent company guarantees or a statement of your cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position to support their bid. The Authority reserves the right to downselect a company out of the competition should the financial risk be unacceptable.

#### **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**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Accelerated restricted

Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure: The scope of work covers critical tasks required urgently in support of current UK operations.

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

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The Authority shall use the Conditions for Participation (Section III) to produce a list of suppliers eligible to participate. If the number of suppliers identified exceeds the maximum number of operators (Section IV.1.2) the Authority will require candidates to complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) providing information that allows the Authority to evaluate the supplier's capacities and capabilities against the selection criteria set out within the PQQ to be provided by the Authority. Full details of the method for choosing the tenderers will be set out in the PQQ. All potential suppliers will be required to complete a Statement of Good standing. Satisfactory completion of this will be required to participate in the ITT stage.

The Authority requires a demonstration of financial and economic capacity at EoI stage - see sections III.2.2 for requirements.

Any contractor wishing to bid for this work should have ISO 9001:2008 quality management system (or an equivalent QMS e.g.:- AS9100, ISO/TS 16949:2002) issued by a UKAS recognised 3rd party certification body. The scope of work covered by the certification must be compatible with the product and/or services required. Candidates must provide certification to prove accreditation.

Candidates are informed that all information must be supplied for an EoI to be considered. A pdf format via email or hard copies by post are the correct format for this EoI.

#### **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: 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**

PMT/0046

#### **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**

26.7.2013 - 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**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

#### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

#### **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](http://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: Protected Mobility Team, DE&S

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**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: Protected Mobility Team, DE&S  
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Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [deslecmp-pmt-comrc/team@mod.uk](mailto:deslecmp-pmt-comrc/team@mod.uk)

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

Official name: Protected Mobility Team, DE&S  
Postal address: #1204 Spruce 2a, MOD Abbey Wood  
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**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

10.7.2013