

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Insulated cable glands**

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Submarines, Maritime Equipment Transformation (MET) Team

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority/entity: <https://www.contracts.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/entities**

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**

Spares Inclusive Upkeep Contract for Trafalgar and Vanguard Submarines — Hull Pressure Glands and Sintered Glass Penetrators.

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or place of performance: Bristol, City of.

NUTS code UKK11 Bristol, City of

### **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)**

Insulated cable glands. The Contract will be for the exclusive spares upkeep and support to the Trafalgar and Vanguard Class Submarines for 5 years plus option for further 3 years — Hull Pressure Glands and Sintered Glass Penetrators.

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

31344000 Insulated cable glands

### **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

### **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 Maritime System Support (MSS) team work closely with Class Output Management and In-Service Submarine teams to support all legacy and, as appropriate, future warship and submarine platforms in the fleet.

Industry will be invited to propose cost effective and where possible innovative solutions to fulfil the requirements of the defined supply and support solution, as defined by MSS to meet their long term strategic requirements for the systems and equipments and maintain MOD focus for equipment safety and system knowledge.

Spares Inclusive Upkeep (SIU) contracts share some of the characteristics of a traditional enabling contract; they are an agreement between the Supplier and the Authority containing the terms and conditions subject to which the Authority may place orders for Articles or Services, or both. Differences exist between these types in the form of the types of Articles and Services that may be demanded. Specifically:

The Department is currently seeking to place an Enabling Contract to provide support for this equipment covering the following areas:

Task 1 — Management:

Through Life Management Service: the Contractor is to take full responsibility for all aspects of the Task Management as directed by the Department. The Contractor shall establish and maintain the technical experience and resources to define, conduct, place and manage sub-contracts covering any and all of the tasks covered under the contract.

Project Management Service: to include the following functions, progress meetings, progress reports, liaison with MOD Inventory and Project staff, and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) on investigations into the future development or improvement of equipment; provide a risk management plan within 6 weeks of contract placement to be approved by EEG2; provide a configuration management plan; and any other tasks as deemed necessary by the Department.

Task 2 — New Manufacture Items:

Supply of 1st level Submarine Pressure Hull Glands and Submarine Sintered Glass

Penetrators as listed in Def Stan 02-524 compliant with SSP 25 Quality Assurance requirements, issued with a completed SOQR (Statement of Quality Requirements Certificate of Conformity, test certificates and any other certification/quality requirements that may be deemed necessary by the Department.

Task 3 — Provision of post Design Services:

To include investigations at the Manufacturer's works relating to the equipment, where the Contractor has the relevant knowledge and expertise. Recommendations for improvement to equipment reliability and/or performance. Upon request, to develop solutions to problems in form of drawings and descriptions. Advice regarding manufacturing techniques and/or equipment components can be improved, new production methods. On or Off site engineering support through tasking. Updating and/or amending of technical documentation and drawings. The Provision of technical expertise to investigate defects in HM Vessels as requested by MOD Project Manager. Provision of necessary equipment and spares to investigate and rectify faults on-board HM Vessels and at Government establishments. Attendance on-board HM Vessels and Government Establishments, and other tasks as deemed necessary by the Department

The items are to comply with current Health & Safety Regulations and Environmental Legislations and are to be returned with Certificates of Conformity to meet the MOD Defence Standards and, where appropriate, classification societies requirements.

Examples of Pressure Hull Glands and Sintered Glass Penetrators required by MET-EEG can be found in Defence Standard 02-524 Parts 1-3.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 3 500 000 and 6 000 000 GBP

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

Options: yes

Description of options: Three year pricing extension option to provide extended support to the applicable platforms beyond the 5 years requested.

#### **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: 60 (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**

As detailed in the Invitation to Negotiate.

##### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Payment will follow delivery and subsequent acceptance of the goods (Def Con 525) or articles via Purchase to Payment (P2P) System (Def Con 522J) and via BACS (Def Con 523).

##### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Not Applicable.

##### **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 amend any condition related to security of information to reflect the changes in national law or government. If any contract documents are accompanied by a Security Aspects Letter, the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspect Letter to reflect such changes whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

Def Con 14 and 15 — will apply -The Authority must at all times retain access rights to Design and Technical information when required to ensure continuity of supply as detailed within the Def Cons.

Def Con 659 — Security Measures — will apply.

Def Con 608 — Access and Facilities To Be Provided By The Contractor — may apply.

**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.1.5) Information about security clearance.

III.2.2) Conditions For Participation.

III.2.1) Economic and financial capacity.

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

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Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

A statement of Good Standing provided with the PQQ.

### **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

(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.

Evidence of Professional Risk Indemnity; at least 2 years certified audited accounts in statutory form, profit and loss account and balance sheet; or statement of overall turnover to be provided with PQQ.

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

List and brief description of conditions: If the estimated annual contract value is greater than 40 % of the suppliers 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 eg. such evidence may include:

(1) Any additional information proving it has sufficient economic and financial resources to deliver the requirement and

(2) State whether the supplier is willing to provide the Authority with an indemnity guarantee or bank bond.

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.

The assessment will include the Parent Company where applicable. An independent financial assessment obtained from a reputable credit rating organisation will be utilised as part of this process.

### **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;

(b) a list of works carried out over the past five years together with (unless the contracting authority specifies that the following certificate should be submitted direct to the contracting authority by the person certifying) certificates of satisfactory completion for the most important of those works indicating in each case: (i)the value of the consideration received; (ii)when and where the work or works were carried out; and (iii)specifying whether they were carried out according to the rules of the trade or profession and properly completed;

- (c) a statement of the principal goods sold or services provided by the supplier or the services provider in the past five years, or during a shorter period if necessary, and: (i) the dates on which the goods were sold or the services provided; (ii) the consideration received; (iii) the identity of the person to whom the goods were sold or the service were provided; (iv) any certificate issued or countersigned by that person confirming the details of the contract for those goods sold or services provided; and (v) where - (a) that person was not a contracting authority, and (b) the certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) is not available, any declaration by the economic operator attesting the details of the goods sold or services provided;
- (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;
- (f) a check carried out by the contracting authority or on its behalf by a competent official body of the member State in which the economic operator is established: (i) on the technical capacity of the economic operator; and (ii) if relevant, on the economic operator's study and research facilities and quality control measures;
- (g) in the case of works contracts, services contracts or supply contracts also covering siting and installation operations or services, the economic operator's educational and professional qualifications where the economic operator is an individual and: (i) if any, those of the economic operator's managerial staff; and (ii) those of one or more persons who would be responsible for providing the services or carrying out the work or works under the contract;
- (h) the environmental management measures, that the economic operator is able to apply when performing the contract, but only where it is necessary for the performance of that contract;
- (i) a statement of the services provider's or contractor's average annual number of staff and managerial staff over the previous 3 years;
- (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;
- (l) certification by official quality control institutes or agencies of recognised competence, attesting that the goods to be purchased or hired under the contract conform to standards and technical specifications (within the meaning of regulation 12(1)) identified by the contracting authority;
- (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;
- (o) any other evidence of conformity to quality management systems standards which are equivalent to the standards referred to in sub-paragraph (n)(i)

This information will be sought through a pre-qualification questionnaire. Bidders should complete the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) that receive a total score of below 50% for form 2: Part F of the PQQ will not be invited to tender. A minimum number of 1 bidders which

satisfy the requirements of the PQQ will be invited to Tender. A maximum number of 5 bidders which satisfy the requirements of the PQQ will be invited to tender. In the event more than 5 bidders satisfy the requirements of the PQQ those bidders with the 5 highest scores will be invited to tender

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

List and brief description of conditions:

It is necessary that companies have ISO 9001:2000 accreditation or equivalent. Companies who express an interest but do not provide evidence of suitable accreditation will be excluded from any further part in the competition.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Capability

It is a requirement that any Contractor who manufactures Pressure Hull Glands for the MOD must hold or attain Capability Approval from MET-EEG2 in accordance with the requirement of Defence Standard 08-171, by the planned contract placement date of early 2017.

MET requires two types of PHG to be manufactured for Capability Approval;

4 Way Co-axial PHG (NSN 99-192-4968) with 3 m length of cable outboard.

(NSN 99-724-8822) and 3m length of cable inboard (NSN 99-724-8834) and a 19 Way

Screened Twisted Pair PHG (NSN 99 660-6050) with 3m length of cable outboard (NSN 99-543-4475) and 3m length of cable inboard (NSN 99-724-8840).

If the cables prescribed above are unavailable, other cables may be used on approval by MET-EEG2.

All costs associated with Capability Approval are to be borne by the contractor and re-approval is mandated every 3 years.

The items are to comply with current Health and Safety Regulations, Environmental Legislations and are to be returned with Certificates of Conformity to meet the MOD Defence Standards and where appropriate, classifications societies requirements.

The supplier must also be able to comply with the requirements of SSP25.

**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**

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**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 1 and Maximum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process and respond to this opportunity.

The information and or documents are available on [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) and you must register on this site to respond, if you are already registered you will not have to register again, simply use your existing user-name and password.

#### **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**

MSS/013

##### **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**

15.8.2016 - 12:00

##### **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.

#### **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**

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 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 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.

From 2.4.2014 the Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications Policy (GSC) to replace the current Government Protective Marking Scheme. A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All suppliers to the Department are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact on this Requirement. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

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.

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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: 739PZPUV74.

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](mailto:support@contracts.mod.uk) or Telephone 0800 282 324.

GO Reference: GO-2016714-DCB-8479502.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Submarines, Defence Marine Services (DMS)

Town: Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Submarines, Maritime Equipment Transformation (MET)

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**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Submarines, Maritime Equipment Transformation (MET)

Team

Town: Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

14.7.2016