

United Kingdom-Bristol: Search and rescue helicopters

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Contract notice**Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

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Additional information can be obtained from:

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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

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

Falkland Islands Search and Rescue Helicopter Service.

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

Services

Service category No 3: `Air transport services of passengers and freight, except transport of mail

NUTS code

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)

Search and rescue helicopters. Air-rescue services. Air-sea rescue services. The primary requirement is for Falkland Islands Search and Rescue Helicopter Service with consideration given to industry provision of a Support Helicopter Service. The Authority intends to make a decision regarding its need for the Support Helicopter Service prior to Contract award and reserves the right not to contract for the Support Helicopter Service. If a Support Helicopter Service is included at contract award, the contract will include options to increase or decrease the volume of flying hours during the contract period. Compliance to all relevant International, National and Local laws, legislation and obligations applicable to this requirement is required both in the contract award procedure and during the term of any resultant contract. European Regulation (EC) 216/2008 defines search and rescue as a state activity therefore the service will be regulated through UK Government (Department for Transport).

Search and Rescue (SAR) Service

An all-weather SAR helicopter service, able to operate throughout the Falklands Islands region and in the maritime environment. The SAR service must be responsive, able to search a wide area of interest, locate and recover both military personnel (including fast jet ejectees) and civilians, and medically stabilize those casualties/survivors from all risk areas including mountainous terrain and the maritime environment. The service must support training activities and be capable of moving equipment by under-slung load (including a fire-fighting bucket) to casualties, emergency crews, and maritime shipping.

Support Helicopter (SH) Service

The secondary requirement is for a SH Service able to operate throughout the Falkland Islands region and in the maritime environment. The SH service must be able to transport a range of freight including under-slung loads and personnel.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35612500 Search and rescue helicopters, 60443000 Air-rescue services, 60443100 Air-sea rescue services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

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 primary requirement is for the procurement of Falkland Islands Search and Rescue Helicopter Services, with consideration given to Industry provision of Support Helicopter Service. The Authority intends to make a decision regarding its need for the Support Helicopter Service prior to Contract award and reserves the right not to contract for the Support Helicopter Service. The planning assumption for service commencement date is no later than 01 Apr 16. The SAR Service will require helicopter(s) with a minimum rescue capacity per aircraft of 2 casualties/survivors both of which are capable of being stretchered and a minimum radius of action of 150nm. The SAR Service is required 365 days a year on a 24hr basis. The secondary requirement for a SH Service requires helicopter(s) capable of

transporting personnel and freight (including internal and under-slung loads), or a mixture of both. It is anticipated that the total contract duration will be 10 years from service commencement date, with options to extend for up to a further period of 24 months. Payment will be made against service delivery.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 100 000 000 and 150 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: There will be options to extend the contract for up to a further period of 24 months and additionally the potential option for varying the levels of SH. The exercising of any options will be at the sole discretion of the contracting authority.

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: 120 (from the award of the contract)

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 ask for any indemnity, guarantee or bank bond.

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

Bids are to be priced in sterling and payment will be made in sterling. Conditions relating to financing and payment will be specified in the contractual documentation.

Payment will be made electronically.

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: no

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: In response to the Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ), applicants will be required to confirm that none of the circumstances mentioned in Regulation 23(1) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 and Article 39 of Directive 2009/81/EC affect them.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: In response to the PQQ companies are required to provide one hard copy of their audited accounts for the most recent two years.

Where a consortium or association is proposed, this information must be provided for each member company. Where the Potential Provider is a subsidiary of a group, the financial information is required for both the subsidiary and the parent company.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

In response to the PQQ companies are required to confirm and provide evidence of current /recent i.e. since 1 January 2003, delivery of Search and Rescue Helicopter Services for a National Authority and/or for the Oil and Gas Industry.

Companies are required to confirm their willingness to obtain the required security clearances. Some personnel must be cleared to Security Check (SC).

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: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures) no

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

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Interested suppliers are invited to apply immediately for a PQQ by contacting the Authority, details at Para I.1), with their Expression of Interest in response to this Contract Notice. Potential suppliers are required to send the Authority a completed PQQ providing information that allows the Authority to evaluate the supplier's capacities and capabilities. Please note the deadline for the Authority's receipt of the completed PQQ response is 12 September 2013 (12/09/13). Full details of the method for selection is set out in the PQQ.

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 will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

SPMAP/0038

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

12.9.2013 - 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.

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

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 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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The authority expressly reserves the following rights:

- (1) Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by the publication of this notice;
- (2) In no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates for participation, preparation and attendance at events relating to this Contract notice;
- (3) The contracting authority reserves the right to require any candidate to clarify in writing any information provided in its submission and/or provide additional information (and failure to respond adequately may result in the candidate being disqualified);
- (4) The contracting authority reserves the right to disqualify immediately any candidate who submits misleading or incomplete information.

Interested parties are invited to submit their expression of interest immediately to the Issuing Branch identified in Section I.1), The Pre Qualification Questionnaire will be provided upon receipt of each Expression of Interest– please note the deadline for the MoD's receipt of the completed PQQ response is 12 September 2013 (12/09/13). The Contracting Authority is procuring this Contract on the basis of the negotiated procedure. However, in providing a PQQ interested parties must be aware that, in line with the principle of transparency, the contracting authority's strong preference is to limit negotiation to the minimum necessary and reserves the right to limit the topics that are open for negotiation. Any matters that are non-negotiable will be identified in the documentation that is issued to short-listed bidders. Tenders and all supporting documentation must be priced in pounds sterling. Any resulting contract will be considered a contract made in England according to English law. Compliance with all relevant legislation, including but not limited to environmental and safety regulations, is required both in the contract award procedure and during the term of any resultant contract. Applicants should note that transparency requirements will be a condition of the proposed contract. Those requirements will permit the contracting authority to publish the text of the contract and information contained within tenders, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. The information contained in this notice, including the CPV codes, is neither exhaustive nor binding, and may be amended at the time of issue of any further notice or notices or at any other time at the discretion of the contracting authority. Bidders may wish to note that the successful tenderer may, in particular, acquire rights and obligations arising from the contracts of employment relating to some of those people involved with the provision of search and rescue, and support helicopter if included, services on the date of the transfer of that function to the successful tenderer. The Contracting Authority may wish to acquire an option to use assets used by the bidder for the purposes of the contract where the bidder commits a serious default under the contract. GO Reference: GO-201382-DCB-5006353

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Special Projects Multi-Air Platform Project Team, DE&S

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Special Projects Multi-Air Platform Project Team, DE&S

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

2.8.2013