

United Kingdom-Bristol: Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

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Contract notice

Supplies

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**

General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) Body Replacement Programme.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKG21 Telford and Wrekin

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement****II.1.5.**

Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Weapons, ammunition and associated parts. General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) Body Replacement Programme.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35300000 Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

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

UK MOD has a requirement to acquire a new General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) Body. Expressions of interest are sought from candidate suppliers who have a Section 5 Firearms Licence and facilities on site to hold Section 5 weapons are able to offer a product or capability meeting the following Key User Requirements (KURs).

1. Must be able to accept all current In Service internal and external components without any modification or difficulty.
2. Must be compatible with all In Service variants of the GPMG (L7A2, L37A2 and L112A1)
3. Must be able to complete a minimum of 15 Battle Field Missions (BFMs), which are available on request, without degradation to the body and components that is not attributable to normal wear and tear. Once the BFMs are complete the weapon must pass operation checks as per the MOD's inspection criteria stated in AESP's, available on request.
4. Must be able to be maintained and repaired by an Armourer using In Service Tools and Techniques as taught in Military Trade Schools.
5. Must not require any change to AESP content other than reference to the existence of a replacement body for all the GPMG Variants.
6. There must be no change to the material specification or design and processes used in construction to those used in the In Service bodies.
7. There must be no increase in weight over standard. (Weight available on request, if you provide evidence that meets the criteria mandated in the advert for Expressions of Interest.)
8. The new GPMG Body should not require any major testing or analysis programmes, such as S3 Trials, to enable it to be taken into service.
9. Must be compatible with all In Service Weapons Softmounts, Mounts and tripods that take GPMG. (Dimensions available on request, if you provide evidence that meets the criteria mandated in the advert for Expressions of Interest.)

The anticipated service life of the GPMG Body is 15 years from replacement. All weapon designs proposed must have a clear path to being sustained and supported in service for that period in accordance with DEFSTAN 00-600 Integrated Logistic Support (ILS) requirements. Expressions of Interest will only be accepted from candidate suppliers who have had a GPMG Body in serial production within the last 12 months of the date of this advert and are able to have a GPMG Body in production within 6 months of ITT being issued. Please provide evidence within your Expression of Interest. (For example, name and address of customer and evidence of supply.)

A maximum of 6 candidate suppliers will be invited to tender and to submit equipment for

trials. In the event that there are more than 6 candidate suppliers who submit an expression of interest and proof of production as stated the Authority reserves the right to Pre-Qualify the candidate suppliers.

Pre-Qualification of candidate suppliers will comprise assessment of those suppliers' competence, capability and capacity to undertake work of the scope, value and duration proposed.

Each candidate supplier invited to tender will be required to supply free of charge 3 GPMG Bodies for compatibility, suitability and integration evaluations, BFMs and extensive firing trials. Details of the test and evaluation will be available with the Invitation to Tender.

Selection of a preferred GPMG Body replacement bidder will be made on a "most economically advantageous" basis, taking into account technical compliance, demonstrated trials performance, reliability, whole life cost and other relevant factors to be defined in the Invitation to Tender.

Key Project Milestones (these are an indication and could change):

ITT – September 2013

Trials – November 2013

Contract Award – February 2014

Initial Delivery – May 2014

Final Delivery – December 2015

The scope of supply in the Invitation to Tender for the GPMG Body may include:

- Firm prices for the supply of an initial quantity of GPMG bodies for MOD use, anticipated to be between 2 900 and 3 000;
- Staged delivery of this initial quantity broken into batches, with the first batch of quantity 400 commencing 3 months after Contract acceptance and concluding not later than December 2015;
- Firm price banded options for the supply of additional GPMG bodies, approximate quantities to be determined but no more than 7 000;
- This requirement could conceivably be extended to cover the Total Fleet Requirement for all GPMG variants.

Expressions of interest must be made in hard copy format to the address shown below not later than midday on the 13.9.2013. Electronic submission may also be made in parallel to the e-mail address shown below by the same date.

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 36 (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

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

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

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

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

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

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: and Maximum number 6

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: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

SSP/00015

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

13.9.2013 - 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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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Soldier System Programmes, DE&S

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Soldier System Programmes, DE&S

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

Official name: Soldier System Programmes, DE&S

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

5.8.2013