

United Kingdom-Bristol: Military electronic systems

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1. Name and addresses

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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****I.3. Main activity****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 and Support of Puma HC2 Mission Support System.

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

Supplies

Purchase

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)**

Military electronic systems. The Puma 2 Gazelle Project Team invites Expressions of Interest from suppliers for the provision and through life support of a Mission Support System (MSS) for the Puma HC2 helicopter fleet. The capability will consist of a Mission Support System

which incorporates both a Mission Planning System (MPS) and a Mission Management System (MMS). This equipment is envisaged to be operated at a 'Secret' Level and as such the successful company must be willing to, if not already held, obtain List X Accreditation prior to Contract Award. It is envisaged that a maximum of six suppliers will be invited to negotiate. A pre-qualification exercise may be held prior to issuing an Invitation to Negotiate. The Authority seeks to place a Through Life Procurement and Support Contract until 31 Mar 2025.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35700000 Military electronic systems

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: yes

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The Authority seeks to place a Through Life Procurement and Support Contract until 31 Mar 2025.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 4 000 000 and 5 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

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: 128 (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 wishes to reserve the right to ask for an indemnity, guarantee or bank bond if the supplier does not meet the 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

A milestone payment scheme shall be agreed as part of negotiations. The electronic Purchase to Payment (P2P) system will be used as the payment mechanism. Further information on P2P can be found at <http://www.d2btrade.com/> including the Authority's Guidelines for Industry e-procurement using Purchase to Payment.

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. Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information

This equipment is envisaged to be operated at a 'Secret' Level and as such the successful company must be willing to, if not already held, obtain List X Accreditation prior to Contract Award. A Security Aspects Letter will be issued.

III.1.5. Information about security clearance

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until:
29.8.2014

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.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

(b) The presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established

(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.

Certified audit accounts in statutory form, profit and loss account and balance sheet (at least

two years audited accounts (if available) or equivalent). This information will be sought through a formal pre-qualification questionnaire.

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
- (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
- (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
- (k) any samples, descriptions and photographs of the goods to be purchased or hired under the contract and certification of the authenticity of such samples, descriptions or photographs
- (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 formal pre-qualification questionnaire.

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

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Negotiated

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

Envisaged minimum number 3 and Maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Interested suppliers are invited to apply for a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by contacting the Authority 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 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 list of suppliers who are eligible to participate under Section III.2.1) of this Contract Notice; and who fulfil any minimum capacity levels under Sections III.2.2) and III.2.3) of this Contract Notice; and who also best meet the selection criteria set out in 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 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 has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

P2G/0439

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

4.10.2013 - 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.

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. 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.

The electronic Purchase to Payment (P2P) system will be used as the payment mechanism. Further information on P2P can be found at <http://www.d2btrade.com/> including the Authority's Guidelines for Industry e-procurement using Purchase to Payment.

Expressions of interest must be submitted via e-mail to the Authority (within the time limit specified) and should include the name, postal and email address, telephone and fax numbers of the designated point of contact within the Economic Operator.

Late Expressions of Interest will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the Economic Operator to ensure that their Expression of Interest has been received. Confirmation of receipt should be sought within 2 working days of issue where an Economic Operator has not received an acknowledgement by the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to seek independent financial and market advice to validate information declared, or assist in any pre-qualification evaluation.

Potential tenderers will be required to have a minimum accreditation of ISO 9001 - Quality Management System (or equivalent).

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Contact Acquisition Team.

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

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

21.8.2013