

**UK-Bristol: special clothing and accessories**

**OJ S 193/2012 06/10/2012**

**Contract notice**

**Supplies**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Personal Combat Equipment Project Team, DE&S

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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**

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**

The Supply of Knee Pads.

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

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code UKJ14 Oxfordshire

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 4

**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 500 000 GBP

**II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Special clothing and accessories. Knee pads - expressions of interest (EOI) are sought from companies interested in meeting the requirement for a 4 year framework contract. The knee pad must be capable of protecting the knee from penetration, discomfort and impact when a fully loaded combat soldier performs military tasks in operational conditions. (Combat patrol load carried by soldier approx 68kg). The knee pad shall be able to be used in a wide range of combinations of terrain, weather conditions and climate including but not restricted to rock, shale, and shingle in a desert environment, cold wet conditions of a woodland environment, and whilst operating in built up areas to provide protection from hard and sharp edges.

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

18400000 Special clothing and accessories

**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 Authority has a requirement for a possible future purchase of approximately 11,700 knee pads for the first contractual year (dependent on operational demand). The estimated follow on quantities will be identified at tender stage. There may be a need for modifications to the knee pad when it comes into core. To satisfy technical assessment eligible tenderers will be required to submit 20 samples, at no cost to the MOD, for evaluation as part of the tender process. Tenderers should note that they can only submit one product per bid due to constraints at user trial. Contractors who wish to express an interest in this tender are to forward a written expression of interest along with a valid ISO 9001:2008 Accreditation stating that they have NIL EXCLUSIONS to the commercial officer named in the advert, emailed responses will be accepted. Failure to submit a valid copy of your ISO 9001:2008 certification stating you have NIL EXCLUSIONS will mean you will not be invited to PQQ stage.

The performance specification will be issued with the PQQ.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 500 000 GBP

**II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.3. Information about renewals**

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

**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**

Parent Company Guarantees, deed of indemnity or a bankers draft may be 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**

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

Description of particular conditions: To be issued with the Tender.

## **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: (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 Employer's liability insurance is a legal requirement (except for businesses employing only the owner/close family members) and this should be at least 5 000 000 GBP. Please confirm that you have this in place. Please provide a copy of your audited accounts for the most recent 2 years.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Evidence provided must demonstrate appropriate employer liability insurance.

No scoring will be given based on the accounts provided, however they will be subject to a risk based assessment looking at turnover, profitability, liquidity, capital structure and funding.

Where accounts are not provided or concerns are identified within the supplied accounts that would suggest a higher risk level, then those contractors will not be invited to tender.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

This will be fully detailed in the PQQ.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The PQQ will have the following Pass/Fail criteria.

ISO Accreditation - Valid ISO 9001:2008 accreditation with nil exclusions.

Financial viability.

Willingness ability to trade electronically.

There will also be scored questions with a minimum compliancy score of 510. These headings are detailed later in the advert.

### **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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Restricted

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: There will be pass/fail on certain criteria as detailed in this document.

Question weighting.

Supply chain management 25.

Project management 20.

Assurance to delivery schedule 20.

Risk management 15.

Quality management 15.

Sustainable procurement 5.

Valid ISO 9001:2008 accreditation with NIL EXCLUSIONS pass/fail.

Financial viability pass/fail.

Willingness to trade electronically pass/fail.

Scoring.

Description mark.

High confidence 10.

Confidence 7.

Concerns 4.

Major concerns 0.

Pre-qualification criteria.

Maximum score 1000.

Supply chain management 250.

Project management 200.

Assurance to delivery schedule 200.

Risk management 150.

Quality management 150.

Sustainable procurement 50.

Minimum compliant score 510.

The top 5 scoring potential providers (with full compliancy against the pass/fail questions detailed in the PQQ) will progress to tender stage. The Authority reserves the right to review this figure should there be any additional companies that score the same as the potential provider in 5th place.

#### **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**

PCE/00038

##### **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**

9.11.2012 - 10:00

##### **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**

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](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**

##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

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

2.10.2012