

United Kingdom-High Wycombe: Education and training services

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Ministry of Defence, C&C

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Town: High Wycombe

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Country: United Kingdom

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The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.contracts.mod.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

The Provision Of A Part Time Distance Learning BEng Foundation Degree For Non Commissioned Officer Engineers Within The Royal Air Force.

Reference number: ACT/ 04583

II.1.2. Main CPV code

80000000 Education and training services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

To develop and maintain a Foundation Degree for Non Commissioned Officer Engineers. To deliver a part time online virtual learning environment Level 5 Foundation Degree in various engineering disciplines related to Royal Air Force Engineering trade groups. Each course shall run for 2 years and shall provide online access for 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The requirement is to run for over 5 years with 2 Option periods. The anticipated commencement date for the first intake is February 2018 with course completion of the final intake in March 2023. The course shall have 2 cohorts during years 1 to 3 and 1 cohort in year 4. There are 2 option periods (with 2 intakes per year), with the first intake anticipated to commence September 2021 and the final intake completing March 2025.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 3 900 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: UNITED KINGDOM.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

To develop and maintain a Foundation Degree for Non Commissioned Officer Engineers. To deliver a part time online virtual learning environment Level 5 Foundation Degree (FD) in various engineering disciplines related to Royal Air Force (RAF) Engineering Trade Groups. The course must have an ultimate aspiration of delivering a BEng/BSc FD recognised on the National Qualification Framework at Level 5 that must also be recognised by a relevant engineering professional, Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMECHE), The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). Each course shall run for 2 years and shall provide online access for 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The contractor must be a recognised degree awarding body in the UK and have a proven track record in the fields of mechanical, avionic, electrical and production engineering plus engineering management and computer science. The course shall also be made available to the general public, international military and government attendees, which in turn shall create a wide and diverse student experience for the RAF attendees.

The requirement is to run for 5 years with 2 option periods. The anticipated commencement date for the first intake is February 2018 with course completion of the final intake in March 2023. The course shall have 2 cohorts during years 1 to 3 and 1 cohort in year 4. There are 2 option periods (2 intakes per year) with the first intake anticipated to commence September 2021 and the final intake completing March 2025.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 84

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10.

Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

There are two option periods (2 intakes per year) with the first anticipated intake to commence September 2021 with course completion of the final intake in March 2025.

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Suppliers must provide two years audited accounts or equivalent information with their Pre Qualification Questionnaire Response (PQQ). Please see additional information in VI.3.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

Electronic Trading

Potential suppliers must note the mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool. All payments for Contractor Deliverables under the Contract shall only be made via CP&F. You can find details on CP&F at <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system>

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 30/10/2017 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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 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. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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

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The Cyber Essentials DCP (Defence Cyber Protection Partnership) internet based Cyber Security Model Risk Assessment has been completed by the RAF User (the Customer), thus the Cyber Risk of this requirement is classified as very low risk. If your company is subsequently invited to tender then your tender must include the completion of the 'Supplier Assurance Questionnaire' via the internet based DCP Cyber Security Model online link:

<https://suppliercyberprotection.service.gov.uk>. This is to demonstrate a supplier's compliance with the required cyber risk level. More information will be published with regards to this process, the evaluation criteria and how to access the information/website within the tender documentation.

The Authority will use a Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) response to create a shortlist of Tenders who are eligible to participate; fulfil any minimum economic, financial, professional and technical standards; and best meet in terms of capacity and capability the selection criteria set out in this PQQ. Full details of the method of choosing the Tenders are set out in

the PQQ. It is the intention to down select to between approximately 2 and 6 highest scoring suppliers who will be invited to Tender, providing they meet the overall percentage pass mark of 60 %, do not score any lower than 2 points and receive a pass in any pass/fail questions within the PQQ. If the supplier scores below 2 in any of the questions or receives a fail in a pass/fail question then they will automatically fail the evaluation and will not be invited to participate any further.

The estimated annual contract value is 600 000 GBP. If the estimated annual contract value is greater than 40 % of the supplier's 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, e.g. 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 supplier's financial status. An overall pass / fail judgement will be made after considering areas such as turnover, profit, net assets, liquidity, gearing and capacity. This assessment will include the Parent company where applicable.

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: VS8767F29B.

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 (FAQ's) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Helpdesk by emailing support@contracts.mod.uk or Telephone 0800 282 324.

Go reference: GO-2017928-DCB-11108205.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Commercial

Postal address: Nimrod Building, Site 3, RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash, Buckinghamshire

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

28/09/2017