

United Kingdom-Bristol: Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2009/81/EC**Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Armoured Vehicles Programmes —
Artillery Systems Programme

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority/entity: <https://www.bipsolutions.com>

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/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**

Dismounted Joint Fires Integrator (D-JFI).

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or place of performance: Bristol, City of.

NUTS code UKK11 Bristol, City of

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)

Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance. The Artillery Systems Team, part of DE&S intends to run a competitive negotiated procedure under Regulation 18 of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for the D-JFI Requirement. The Army HQ Single Statement of User Need (SSUN) that D-JFI will deliver against is: 'The User shall be able to generate and communicate target information from a dismounted configuration to effector systems for integrated employment of joint precision and non-precision fires to achieve tactical success.'

The main Users are dismounted Fire Support Teams (FST) and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC). The In Service date for D-JFI is 2020 with a planned Out of Service Date of 2040.

D-JFI is a Category B equipment procurement project, taking into account the through life costs.

In issuing this Contract Notice and engaging with the Market, the Authority is not committing to carrying out any procurement in relation the requirement. If third parties are interested in engaging with the Authority in relation to the requirements they must do so without sharing information that is protected by copyright or patents.

The Authority intends to present the D-JFI requirement to the market at an Industry Briefing Day planned for 17th January 2017 at Larkhill. The Authority will not meet any costs incurred by participation at the Industry Briefing Day.

The D-JFI Project Manager will be hosting the Industry Briefing Day for the purpose of informing and updating potential Prime Integrators and Suppliers of the requirement, scope and commercial strategy. This briefing is timed to take place prior to publishing the Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ). A secondary purpose of the event is to allow potential industry partners to network with each other for the purpose of becoming part of the supply chain for D-JFI.

Suppliers who wish to attend the Industry Briefing Day must send an expression of interest and apply for a maximum of three places each by 17:00 hrs Friday 6th January 2017 to DES LE AVP-Arty-Comrcl-Mgr3@mod.uk; Please cc: DES_LE_AVP-Arty-DJFI-PM@mod.uk; DESLEAVP-Arty-DJFI-Sp2@mod.uk and DESLEAVP-Arty-Comrcl-Mgr2b@mod.uk. For those interested parties that are unable to attend the event, please inform the project team and you will be forwarded the slidepack, including question responses, prior to the publication of the DPQQ.

The DPQQ is scheduled to go live at 17:00 20.1.2017.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

35720000 Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance

II.1.7. Information about subcontracting

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 Prime Integrator will be required to provide around 377 D-JFI systems in four

configurations with three years associated support. These figures are based upon the Land Fleet Requirement as stated in the Initial Gate Business Case and are currently under review and the final figures will be included in the Invitation to Negotiate. It is expected that irrevocable contractual options may be required for support starting in 2022. The scaling of support may vary through the life of the contract.

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: 2 x 2 years for software upgrades and 1 x 3 years for hardware upgrade. These are subject to change and will be finalised and advised in the Invitation to Negotiate. Exercise of these options will be at the Authority's sole discretion and subject to the contract continuing to demonstrate best value and required performance against Key Performance Indicators. Scaling of support may vary through the life of the contract.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

Parent or Bank guarantees may be required.

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

To be detailed in the tender documents.

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 wish to submit a bid, the group must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Authority, tender and negotiate the contract. The group must form a legal entity prior to 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

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. The tender and contract documents will be accompanied by a Security Aspects Letter and the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspects Letter 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.

III.1.5. Information about security clearance

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.

Potential Tenderers must demonstrate their Capability and Capacity in accordance with the DPQQ to this advertisement which is scheduled to go live on the 20th January 2017. Included in this will be satisfactory demonstration of financial stability in accordance with the defined criteria in the DPQQ.

III.2.3. Technical and/or professional capacity

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 Negotiated

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

Envisaged minimum number 3

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Interested suppliers are required to adequately demonstrate compliance against Part 1 of the DPQQ and if successful will be then scored against Part 2. The Authority intends to issue Invitations to Negotiate based on scores achieved, the Award Criteria will be set out in the DPQQ. The Authority intends to conduct iterative tendering.

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

ARTYSYS/00260

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 6.2.2017 - 23:59
Payable documents: no

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

20.2.2017 - 23:59

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

10.8.2017

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

Additional requirements information:

The D-JFI solution will enable the User to detect, track, recognise, identify, mark and designate targets by day and night, along with generating target information up to and including Category 1 accuracy, for the delivery of Joint precision and non-precision effects against Line of Sight (LOS) and Beyond Line of Sight (BLOS) targets.

This target information will be communicated across the battlefield by tactical voice and data communications (initially using Bowman communication systems, Ground to Air communications systems, transitioning later to Morpheus) to the appropriate effector systems across the Joint Fires spectrum.

The systems must maximise the use of Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) equipment; be man-portable; have integrated system level mensuration software; improved power management and Human Factors Integration; an all-weather capability; and a reduced size / weight over the current capability.

The Authority intends to award the Contract for the D-JFI capability to a Prime Integrator who will supply and integrate all elements of the solution to provide the end product.

Assessment phase tests as defined in the ITN documentation will be used to provide quantitative evidence against certain compliance statements made within submitted tenders. Due to the nature of this project it is not assessed as suitable in its entirety for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), however opportunities may exist at the sub-contracting level, and the Authority will publish in the Defence Contracts Online a Contract Bidders Notice listing the details of those companies being issued an ITN.

Suppliers interested in working with the UK Ministry of Defence should register on the MOS 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 that 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.

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/delta>. 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.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 20.2.2017 23:59. Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite 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 (FAQs) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Helpdesk by emailing — support@contracts.mod.uk or call 0800 282 324.

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>

Information about security clearance:

At this stage, no requirement has been identified during the tendering process for security clearance to be obtained by tenderers, but the winning tenderer and elements of the supply chain will be required to hold valid security clearance at contract award. Interested parties are advised that the process for obtaining security clearance can take several months. GO Reference: GO-20161215-DCB-9243771.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Armoured Vehicles Programmes — Artillery Systems Programme

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

15.12.2016