

GB-CORSHAM: DICE SYSTEM INTEGRATOR

Notice Type: Contract Notice

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Region Codes: UK

Section I: Contract Title

1. Contract Title: SyInfra, DICE System Integrator

Section II: Identification Numbers

1. MOD Contract Notice Nr: 701543407

Section III: Relevant Dates

1. Deadline for Expression of Interest: 26/03/2021
2. Proposed/Estimated ITT Issue Date: 28/04/2021
3. Proposed/Estimated ITT Return Date: 09/06/2021
4. Proposed Issue Date of Contract: 13/08/2021
5. Proposed Completion Date of Contract: 31/08/2023

Section IV: Issuing Branch / Organisation Details

1. Notice Address

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Section V: Product / Service Descriptor Code

1. Industry Codes:

722222300 – Information Technology Services

72263000 – Software implementation service

Section VI: Summary of Requirements / Description of Work, Goods and Services

1. Summary of Requirements / Description of Work: Information technology services. Software implementation services. As a part of MOD's acknowledgement of Cyber as a Tier One risk to UK interests, a 10-year funding stream was provisioned for Defensive Cyber Capabilities (DCC) to support Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO), developed through the MOD Cyber Programme (MODCyP). This seeks to enhance MOD's cyber capabilities in predicting, detecting and defending against cyber threat vectors across the Defence enterprise and has rapidly matured over the last few years. As part of this work towards fully realising the DCC Vision, the MODCyP is

looking to further expand DCC through Project DICE, complementing extant DCC capabilities already in operational use.

1.1. In alignment with the approach taken across DCC, DICE will adopt a loosely coupled, service-oriented architecture. It will allow MOD-wide system and security event logging information to be centrally collated and subsequently exploited through a range of flexible and adaptable tools. The capability being introduced through DICE will support a wide variety of DCO stakeholders alongside the emerging Cyber Security Operations Capability (CSOC) community.

1.2. The System Integrator (SI) Industry Partner will bring in SQEP resources to work alongside the MODs Cyber Delivery Team (CDT). These resources will be expected to undertake development and implementation of the core DICE architecture within a provided private cloud service as well as support integration of a range of data feeds. The SI will also be expected to support CDT in establishing suitable agile operational support structures for maintaining and developing the capability once brought into live operational use, including the potential establishment of an operational core support team.

2. Security

2.1. Delivery of DICE will require the supplier to process and have access to sensitive classified Authority information. In order to participate in the PQQ, applicant's attention is drawn to the requirement for Bid Team personnel to have a minimum of Security Check (SC) Clearance with UK Nationality (dual British nationality is acceptable where the individual's secondary nationality is not a country to which special security regulations apply). Please contact the Authority for further advice if required.

2.2. Information about the types of personnel security clearance and the process for obtaining these can be found at:

- a. www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmg-personnel-security-controls

2.3. A contract will not be awarded in respect of this procurement for the provision of the DICE unless the successful supplier's contracting entity is:

2.3.1. Registered and operating in the UK and;

2.3.2. An entity with at least 50% of its directors (or equivalent) who are both UK nationals and resident in the UK.

2.4. The Cyber Risk Profile associated with the procurement is "High". The Risk Assessment Reference is: RAR-B5VDQ8DB.

3. Contract duration

3.1. The term of the DICE - SI contract will run from 13 Aug 21 to 31 Aug 23 with an additional 2 x 12 month options from 1 Sep 23 to 31 Aug 24, and from 1 Sep 24 to 31 Aug 25. The two option years are subject to separate approval.

3.2. The Authority will, as a part of the evaluation (further details of this process is contained in section XII below) assess the economic and financial standing of potential suppliers of the System Integrator.

3.3. Full guidance on how the selection will be made will be given in the PQQ document.

3.5 Main Place of Performance or Delivery: UNITED KINGDOM

3.6 Can a supplier bid alone for only a part of the contract?: No

Section VII: Reverse Auction

1. Reverse Auction: No. A Reverse Auction, conducted using electronic means, will not be used as part of the procurement process for this requirement.

Section VIII: Estimated Value of Requirement

1. Estimated Value of Requirement: Category E1: 4.5M - 10M GBP

Section IX: QA Standards

1. QA Standards: Other

2. If Other please specify: All QA Standards applicable to the PQQ are included within the associated documentation.

Section XII: Additional Information

1. Additional Information:

1. Exemption and security requirements relating to the procurement

1.1. Participation in the procurement is also subject to certain security requirements. Without limiting the security conditions set out in the PQQ, a potential supplier will need to meet UK Government security and information handling requirements in accordance with the Government Security Classifications Policy.

1.2. Members of a potential Applicants bid team will also be subject to certain security clearance requirements, including (in the case of members of the bid team who will access certain classified materials) requirements relating to nationality and holding a valid UK Government security clearance. Further information will be set out in the PQQ.

2. Confidentiality requirements

2.1. In order to participate in the PQQ the Authority will require interested Applicants to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) (Confidentiality Agreement DEFORM 94) prior to receiving the PQQ. The NDA will be made available to PQQ applicants on registration with AWARD.

2.2. The process to register is as follows:

2.2.1. Applicants wishing to register interest for the DICE SI PQQ can register via the PQQ Award Portal by following URL and completing a short registration process.

<https://award.bravosolution.co.uk/syinfra/cyber/web/project/47107e96-2a80-4fe2-80df-267323c526ad/register>

2.2.2. Before moving to the next stage, Applicants should download and complete the NDA from the documents section of the Data Room with a digital signature. A copy of the signed NDA should be uploaded into the documents section of the AWARD Data Room.

2.2.3. Applicants should also post a Signed copy of the NDA to the address detailed at Section IV.

2.2.4. Upon receipt of an acceptable copy of a correctly signed NDA from the Applicant within AWARD, the Authority will authorise access to the Applicant to the Procurement's project room, where the PQQ is available for download.

2.2.5. The supplier should complete the PQQ in accordance with the instructions set out therein. Any clarification questions which a supplier may have in relation to the PQQ will be managed in accordance with the process (including timescales and deadlines) detailed in the PQQ.

2.2.6. The deadline for applying to the procurement by submitting a PQQ response is 1200hrs 26/03/21.

2.2.7. Details regarding how selection will be made is contained within the PQQ. At

the date of this Contract Notice, the Authority intends to select up to a maximum of five (5) Applicants to participate in the next phase of the procurement.

2.2.8. All communication should be made through the PQQ AWARD Portal.

3. Other information

3.1. From 2 April 2014, the Government introduced its new Government Security Classifications Policy (GSC) to replace the previous Government Protective Marking Scheme. A key aspect of this new Policy is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All Applicants to the Authority are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes as they may impact on this requirement. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

3.2. Applicants are to note that the Authority has engaged external consultants to support the procurement. These external consultants are supporting the Authority and have roles throughout the procurement process, both in drafting the procurement documentation, including selection criteria, and in evaluating applications. Appropriate Ethical Walls and Conflict of Interest regimes are in place.

3.3. Electronic Trading - the Authority has a mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool. All payments for the provision DICE - SI services under the any contract awarded shall only be made via CP&F. You can find details on CP&F at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system>.