

Cyber Situational Awareness Fusion Architecture (CySAFA) 3 - 701577542 Contract Notice

1. The Authority Intends to procure the support, development and integration of an existing CySAFA capability. The Procurement will be conducted pursuant to the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 ("DSPCR"), Regulation 17 (The Restricted Procedure).
2. In order to participate in this procurement, applicants must satisfactorily complete a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) in order to receive a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). The PQQ must be satisfactorily completed in accordance with its instructions for applicants to be considered for the next phase of the competition. Conditions for further participation or exclusion are contained within the PQQ. It is intended to hold a short industry event for those applicants who are in receipt of the PQQ three weeks after release of the PQQ, in order to further acquaint applicants with the scope of the procurement.
3. CySAFA is the primary platform for data ingest and advanced analytics. It is fundamental to the Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO) effort to identify, protect, detect and respond to cyber threats and is a mission-critical asset to Defence's Cyber Security Operations Capability (CSOC). Sustained iterative development and incremental delivery continues to successfully provide significant improvements and enhancements to front-line functionality with the Agile delivery model enabling DCO to rapidly and coherently respond to the Authority's evolving cyber threat.
4. Subject to contract, the Supplier will transition service delivery from the current incumbent and work in close collaboration with the Authority, suppliers and other stakeholders, to ensure that the capability continues to meet operational priorities whilst evolving alongside the wider defensive cyber enterprise and meeting increased demand. This is the scope for the CySAFA3 capability, which is the third iteration of the supply contract for this requirement.
5. The Supplier will provide two delivery elements within the contract:
 - a. Service Integration (SI). Acting within the Technical Authority the Supplier is to support delivery of end-to-end services to operational users through integration of outputs (e.g. tools) from several suppliers to the data environment. The Supplier will also ensure the coherent evolution of the design and implementation of the capability as well as its compliance to relevant policies and standards. A responsive approach to service management and support is needed to match the tempo of cyber operations.
 - b. Data as a Service (DaaS). The Supplier will deliver sufficient software development resources to extend, integrate and enhance the functionality of the existing open-source big data technologies for which the design pattern is owned by the Authority. A subset of these resources is required to provide embedded support across identified Authority facilities and locations should high priority changes need to be made quickly in the operational environment.
6. The contract will have an initial Term of four (4) years with an option to extend for a further year.

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Title: United Kingdom: Cyber Situational Awareness Fusion Architecture (CySAFA) 3

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Reference No: tender 701577542

Estimated Contract Value: Excluding VAT £55,000,000

Contract start date: 2022-08-12 T00:00:00Z

Contract end date: 2026-08-11 T00:00:00Z (with 1 x 12 month option)

The process to register is as follows:

Applicants wishing to register interest for the CySAFA3 PQQ should register via the PQQ Award Portal by following URL and completing a short registration process.

<https://award.bravosolution.co.uk/syinfra/cyber/web/project/221448d2-af3a-42b0-8ee7-099e8f2be0d5/register>

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.

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 'Data Room', where the PQQ is available for download.

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.

The Authority intends to hold a short industry event for those applicants who are in receipt of the PQQ on 17 August 2021 at 1300 in order to further acquaint applicants with the scope of the procurement.

Registration for attendance at the industry event, which will be limited to two (2) representatives per prospective supplier, should be made using the URL printed above. A specific event URL will be sent to the applicants in advance of the event.

The deadline for applying to the procurement by submitting a PQQ response is 1200hrs 13/09/21.

Details in relation to assessment and selection are contained within the PQQ. At the date of this Contract Notice, the Authority intends to select up to a maximum of five (5) applicants (plus ties for

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fifth position) to participate in the next phase of the procurement, although the Authority at its sole discretion reserves its rights to take through more or fewer Applicants.

All communication should be made through the PQQ AWARD Portal.

Additional Detail:

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