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Section I: Contracting Authority  
   I.1)Name, Addresses and Contact Point(s):  
      Ministry of Defence, DSG  
      LSBU, CPT, MOD Donnington, BLDG B15, Telford, TF2 8JT, United Kingdom  
      Tel. +44 1952673982, Fax. +44 1952673864, Email: ivor.chuck@dsg.mod.uk  
      Contact: IVOR CHUCK, Attn: IVOR CHUCK  
  
      Further information can be obtained at: ANNEX A.I  
              
      Specifications and additional documents: ANNEX A.II  
              
      Applications must be sent to: As Above         
     
   I.2)Type of the contracting authority and main activity or activities:  
      Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions   
  
   I.3) Main activity:  
      Defence  
  
   I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entity:  
      The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: No   
  
Section II: Object Of The Contract: SUPPLIES  
   II.1)Description  
      II.1.1)Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity: THE MANUFACTURE & SUPPLY OF CRADLE & YOKES FOR THE GUN, 105MM, FIELD, L118, TOWED  
      II.1.2)Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: SUPPLIES  
         Purchase  
  
         Region Codes: UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin           
      II.1.3)Framework agreements: Not Provided  
        
      II.1.5)Short description of the contract or purchase:  
      Towed artillery. Defence Support Group Land Supply Business Unit which is part of the UK Ministry of Defence has a requirement for precision metal worked components in support of the Gun, 105mm, Field, L118 Towed. Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified companies with experience in the manufacture and fabrication of components for the Gun, 105mm, Field, L118 Towed or products of a similar nature.  
  
The requirement is for the manufacture, fabrication and supply of the following NATO Stock numbers:  
N1 1015-99-964-2650 MPN FL17226 Cradle, Cannon qty 40  
N1 1015-99-962-2994 MPN FL16388 Cradle, Cannon (Yoke Front) qty 70  
N1 1015-99-962-2823 MPN FL16353 Cradle, Cannon (Yoke Rear) qty 70  
  
The requirement calls for qty 40 Cradles to be supplied with qty 1 Front and qty 1 Rear Yoke fitted and for qty 30 of the Front and qty 30 of the Rear Yokes to be supplied as spares.  
  
Due to the nature and the exacting requirements of the materials, manufacture (Forging, Machining, Fabrication) and testing processes needed for these Articles it is expected that a close collaborative approach will be required throughout the Tender process.  
  
Drawings and Specifications will be provided with the Invitation to Tender. Contractor’s submissions should be in strict accordance of the drawing, specifications and the materials stated therein.  
  
It is the intention of the Authority to place the Contract with a single supplier.  
  
Expressions of Interest to participate in this requirement are to be submitted via DCO by completing the PQQ. The PQQ shall be assessed on the DCO using the scoring criteria given within the PQQ and with each question.   
  
Potential Suppliers will be expected to provide evidence of having supplied and/or manufactured articles of a similar engineering nature as part of their PQQ response.  
  
Any resulting Contract shall contain a set of Key Performance Indicators to measure performance in areas such as quality and delivery and shall include remedies for poor performance. It is the intention to operate payment for this requirement under the MOD Form 640 process.  
  
Only those suppliers who provide all mandatory information and are not subject to a mandatory exclusion will be invited to tender.  
           
      II.1.6)Common Procurement Vocabulary:  
         35322300 - Towed artillery.  
           
  
      II.1.7)Information about subcontracting:           
         The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed.  
         The tenderer has to indicate any change occurring at the level of subcontractors during the execution of the contract.        
      II.1.8)Division into lots: No   
      II.1.9)Variants will be accepted: No      
     
   II.2)Quantity Or Scope Of The Contract  
      II.2.1)Total quantity or scope (including all lots, renewals and options):  
      The requirement is for the manufacture (Forging / Machining / Fabrication with material stated within the Specifications) & supply of Cradle & Yokes for the Gun, 105mm, Field, L118, Towed.  
  
The requirement calls for:  
N1 1015-99-964-2650 MPN FL17226 Cradle, Cannon qty 40  
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         Estimated value excluding VAT:  
         Range between: 4,000,000 and 10,000,000  
         Currency: GBP  
                 
        
      II.2.2)Options: No            
         II.2.3)Renewals: No            
   II.3)Duration Of The Contract Or Time-Limit For Completion        
      Not Provided  
  
Section III: Legal, Economic, Financial And Technical Information  
   III.1)Conditions relating to the contract  
      III.1.1)Deposits and guarantees required:  
      Not Provided  
        
      III.1.2)Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:  
      Not Provided  
        
      III.1.3)Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:  
      Not Provided  
        
      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: Not Provided     
   III.1.5) Information about security clearance  
      Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: Not Provided     
        
   III.2)Conditions For Participation  
      III.2.1)Economic and financial capacity:           
         Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers.  
         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 these 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 standing:        
         Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)  
           
         Not Provided        
      III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity:        
         Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)  
           
           
         Not Provided        
      III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts: Not Provided  
Section IV: Procedure  
   IV.1)Type Of Procedure  
      IV.1.1)Type of procedure: Negotiated  
        
      IV.1.2)Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:  
                        Envisaged minimum number: 3        
      IV.1.3)Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue: Yes      
   IV.2)Award Criteria  
      IV.2.1)Award criteria:

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

 The criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document  
  
      IV.2.2)An electronic auction will be used: No         
  
   IV.3)Administrative Information  
      IV.3.1)File reference number attributed by the contracting authority: LSBU10/1210        
      IV.3.2)Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract: No   
  
      IV.3.3)Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:  
  
         Not Provided        
        
      IV.3.4)Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate  
         Date: 24/04/2015  
         Time: 14:00        
      IV.3.5)Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates: 01/05/2015        
      IV.3.6)Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:         English  
           
Section VI: Complementary Information  
  
   VI.1)This Is A Recurrent Procurement: No   
   VI.2)The contract 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. 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.  
  
  
From 2 April 2014 the Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications Policy (GSC) to replace the current Government Protective Marking Scheme. A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All suppliers to the Department are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes as it 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   
  
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.   
  
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Contractors are to be aware that any submissions received that are not in strict accordance of the Drawings and Specifications provided for this requirement may be considered innovative or variant and as a result may not be considered further.  
If requests for concessions are submitted Contractors should provide a list of any concessions sought through the specification of commercially obsolete materials, along with the supporting evidence for use of the suggested alternatives which is to include comparative data against the original specification and any proposed alternative for assessment by MoDs representitive.  
  
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.  
  
Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: 626XZ5329X. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.  
  
The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 24/04/2015 14:00. 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 (FAQ's) or the User Guides or contact the MOD DCO Helpdesk by emailing - support@contracts.mod.uk or call 0800 282 324.   
     
   VI.4)Procedures For Appeal  
      VI.4.1)Body responsible for appeal procedures:  
      DSG LSBU  
      DSG Land Supply, Bldg B15, MOD Donnington, Telford, TF2 8JT, United Kingdom  
      Tel. +44 1952673941, Email: jonathon.mannering@dsg.mod.uk  
  
      VI.4.2)Procedures for appeal: Not Provided     
     
      VI.4.3)Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:  
            Not Provided  
  
   VI.5) Date Of Dispatch Of This Notice: 12/03/2015  
  
ANNEX A  
   I) Addresses and contact points from which specifications and additional documents can be obtained:  
      Ministry of Defence, DSG  
      LSBU, BLDG B15,, MOD DONNINGTON, TELFORD, TF2 8JT, United Kingdom  
      Tel. +44 1952673784, Email: stephen.jp.williams@dsg.mod.uk  
      Contact: Technical Manager Stephen Williams, Attn: Stephen Williams     
     
   II) Specific documentation can be obtained from:  
      Ministry of Defence, DSG  
      LSBU, CPT, BLDG B15, MOD DONNINGTON, TELFORD, TF2 8JT, United Kingdom  
      Contact: DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO BE PROVIDED AT ITT

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