

Supply of Armoured Track Platform Consumables

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OJEU – DSPCR – Short Description of the contract or purchase

Mechanical and Fabricated consumables including however not limited to Track components, Wheels and Gears . Boxes/Storage, Metal Stampings and Assemblies, Clamps and Couplings, Pipe & Tubes Fasteners, Valves and Bearings in support of the Armoured Track Platforms; Warrior, Challenger 2, CRAVV, CVRT, Bulldog (not exhaustive). Babcock DSG Ltd (Babcock), acting as agent on behalf of the UK Ministry of Defence (Authority), is considering establishing a Framework Agreement / Enabling Contracts (with no commitment on volume) to provide an enduring means of supply for the Armoured Track Platforms. The duration of the Framework Agreement shall be for 2 years with 1 + 1 year options to extend.

It is the Authority's intention to invite up to 8 economic operators to tender for the Framework Agreement, although the Authority reserves the right to proceed with more or fewer economic operators. Only those economic operators who provide all mandatory information; are not subject to mandatory exclusion; and pass all minimum eligibility criteria will be invited to tender.

The Framework Agreement procurement will be conducted on a sample of items that are representative to the range of items in scope of this requirement. Economic operators can contact William.Malcolm@babcockinternational.com to obtain a list of the items (by NATO Stock Numbers). Tenderers shall be provided with NATO Stock Numbers, any available technical data (to include drawings, specifications etc.) and shall be informed of any required compliance standards. Tenderers shall be expected to provide items which comply with the requirements of CSIS (the Codification Support Information System maintained by the United Kingdom National Codification Bureau), any relevant technical data and any applicable compliance standards

Tenderers should be aware that a failure to submit a Tender for all mandatory items listed in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) will result in that Tender being deemed non-compliant.

The Authority intends to appoint Contractors to the Framework Agreement based on (i) the lowest price of supplying items at estimated quantities listed in the ITT and (ii) satisfying a minimum threshold (achieving either the lowest price or the second lowest price for a specified number of items). Full details of the Framework Agreement evaluation criteria and the Contract award decision process shall be provided in the ITT.

The Authority reserves the right to amend the Framework Agreement to include further items, which are not materially different in character and so do not substantially change the terms of the Framework Agreement, post contract award. Each of the Contractors appointed to the Framework Agreement shall be provided with a list of new items if required. Each Contractor shall be entitled to supply prices and lead times for those items within a specific timeframe. It is the Authority's intention that items would be added to the relevant Contractor's contract based on lowest price on a line by line basis.

The Authority's expectation is that prices under the terms of the Framework Agreement shall be firm (not subject to any adjustment) for two years. The Authority's requirement is that prices for the option years remain unchanged. The Authority will consider a re-negotiation of the prices for the option years, but any such increase (i) would be subject to acceptance by the Authority in its sole discretion and (ii) in any event must not exceed an increase greater than 2% or the RPI rate increase over the relevant period, whichever is the lesser. For the avoidance of doubt, unless the Authority accepts (in its sole discretion) an increase to the prices as described in this paragraph, the prices under the terms of the Framework Agreement for the first two years shall apply to the option years.

Any resulting Contracts shall contain a set of Key Performance Indicators to measure performance in areas such as delivery and quality, and shall include financial remedies for poor performance.

In accordance with the government's agenda, the Authority shall publish the ITT and Contract documents online. Further guidance shall be provided with the ITT.