Invitation to Quote

Questions

Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of United Kingdom Research and Innovation

Subject: ISIS Public Address System

Sourcing Reference Number: CS21676

Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

Bidders should note that the evaluation questionnaire is located within the **e-sourcing questionnaire**.

Guidance on how to register and use the e-sourcing portal is available at <u>http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx</u>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

SEL1.1	Please state the full legal name and address and contact details of the organisation tendering (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).		
Bidder Guidance	orgar subrr	The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted). This is the legal entity with whom we will Contract if successful.	
Scoring Criteria	For information only		
Answer	Text		
Туре	(a)	Bidders full legal name	
	(b)	Address line 1	
		Address line 2	
		Address line 3	
		Address line 4	
		Town / City	
		Country	
		Post code (or equivalent)	
	(C)	Bidder contact	
	(d)	Telephone No.	
	(e)	Email	

SEL1.2	In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or;
	In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – Fail – Please provide details within SEL1.2.1 No – Pass – No response required to SEL1.2.1
	*If you have answered "yes" please provide, as an attachment to SEL1.2.1 a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use

	the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.
	You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Yes – Fail – Please provide details within SEL1.2.1 No – Pass – No response required to SEL1.2.1

SEL1.2.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL1.2.1
Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL1.2 please provide a supporting document attached to this question, including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.
	You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action(s) have been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
	This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring unlawful discrimination within SEL1.2 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Document Upload

SEL1.3	If you are Commercial organisation with a minimum financial turnover of	
	£36M, please confirm that you are compliant with Section 54 of the	
	Modern Slavery Act 2015.	
Bidder	The Bidder shall choose from the following options;	
Guidance		
	A. N/A – our turnover is less than £36M	
	 B. Yes – We are compliant and have attached information in SEL1.3.1 C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to commencement of a contract. See information attached in SEL1.3.1 D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract 	
	Bidders selecting option 'D' will be considered non-compliant for this Procurement.	
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail	
Answer	Multiple Choice Dropdown	
Туре		
	A. N/A – our turnover is less than £36M	
	B. Yes – We are compliant and have attached information in SEL1.3.1	
	C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to	

 commencement of a contract. See information attached in SEL1.3.1 D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract

SEL1.3.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL1.3
Bidder guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' or 'No (with justification)' to SEL1.3, please provide your supporting information as an attachment.
	Any bidder declaring they are compliant within SEL1.3 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer Type	Document upload

SEL1.4	Please state the relevant classification of your organisation (state whether you fall within one of these, and if so which one)
Bidder Guidance	 The Bidder shall choose from the following options; A. Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) B. Sheltered Workshop C. Public Service Mutual D. N/A Where options A, B and C are not applicable to your organisation please respond with option D
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer Type	Multiple Choice Dropdown A. Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) B. Sheltered Workshop C. Public Service Mutual D. N/A

SEL1.5	Please state the size of your organisation at the time of bid submission
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall choose from the following options;
	A. Micro – fewer than 10 persons employed
	B. Small – 10-49 persons employed
	C. Medium – 50-249 persons employed
	D. Large – 250 or more persons employed
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer	Multiple Choice Dropdown
Туре	
	A. Micro – fewer than 10 persons employed
	B. Small – 10-49 persons employed
	C. Medium – 50-249 persons employed
	D. Large – 250 or more persons employed

SEL1.12	System acquisition information security requirements1. Has an open source code been used in the development of the product?
Bidder Guidance	Bidders can answer
	Yes – an open source code been used in the development of the product
	No – an open source code has not been used in the development of the product
	A response of ' No' will result in a pass and a response of ' Yes' will result in a fail against this question unless the bidder provides the documented evidence of developing, implementing and maintaining the open source security strategy, i.e. identifying new and different types of threats, risks and problems quickly and then taking action to address the vulnerabilities promptly in question SEL1.12.1
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Multiple Choice Dropdown Yes – an open source code been used in the development of the product No – an open source code has not been used in the development of the product

SEL1.12.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL1.12
Bidder	
Guidance	 Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to question SEL1.12 please provide the documented evidence of developing, implementing and maintaining the open source security strategy, i.e. identifying new and different types of threats, risks and problems quickly and then taking action to address the vulnerabilities promptly. Any bidder responding 'Yes' to question SEL1.12 but not providing evidence will not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer	Document Upload
Туре	

SEL1.13	System acquisition information security requirements	
	Please confirm that your software complies with the following requirements:	
	1. The software subject to this specification is free of defects and	

	vulnerabilities identified as "critical" or "high".
	2. The guidance for security system configuration of the product is available and it is aligned with the final software
	3. The system provide multi-factor authentication to verify the claimed identity of users and their devices.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders can answer
	Yes – the requirements are currently in place
	Intend – the requirements are not in place and we intend to have them in place for commencement of the contract.
	No – the requirements are not in place and we have no intention of having them in place for commencement of the contract
	A response of ' Yes ' or ' Intend' will result in a pass and a response of ' No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Multiple Choice Dropdown
Type	Yes – the requirements are currently in place
	Intend – the requirements are not in place and we intend to have them in place for commencement of the contract.
	No – the requirements are not in place and we have no intention of having them in place for commencement of the contract

SEL1.13.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL1.13
Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to question SEL1.13 please provide the documented evidence or a formal report. This information should be provided as an attachment to this question.
	Any bidder responding 'Yes' to questions but not providing evidence may not be considered.
	Bidders that responded "Intend" to questions will be asked to provide evidence of meeting these requirements in order for the contract to be awarded. Failure to evidence compliance to these requirements prior contract award will result in the contract not being awarded to the bidder.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Document Upload

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOIA) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)
	Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
	Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOIA exemptions and EIR exceptions. More information on applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the information Commissioners Office (ICO) website <u>http://ico.org.uk</u>
	Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOIA and EIR and agree to it being published.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail
FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 EXEMPTIONS
	Please complete this section <u>only</u> if you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in FOI1.1 If you have not agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete each field 'N/A' (not applicable)
	If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or exceptions may apply to your information and why?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the fields below.
	The Bidder shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested exemptions or exceptions have not been applied properly, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority.
	Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'yes' you have agreed for the Contracting Authority to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004; therefore, you will not be approached for consent.
	Bidders are required to complete the table fields below, highlighting your proposed exemptions to this question.

	field 'N/A' (not applicable).
Scoring	For information only
Criteria	
Answer	Confidential Information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI
Туре	Act
	Large Text Field
	Commercially sensitive information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Large Text Field

AW1.1	FORM OF BID
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in this ITQ are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority may reject this ITQ if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false/misleading information.
	I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that sourcing documents, including ITQ templates such as this, are published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority, including the ITQ, and any contract entered into by the Contracting Authority or its customers with its preferred supplier once the procurement is complete.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree that our participation may be made public.
	I understand that the answers given in this response will not be published on the web site (but may fall to be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004).
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept the justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agreed and accept that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or in part) at any time without any liability on its part.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in this procurement process.
	I understand that where sourcing documents issued by the Contracting

	Authority or contracts with its suppliers fall to be disclosed the Contracting Authority will redact them as it thinks necessary, having regard (inter alia) to the exemptions/exceptions in the FOIA or EIR.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	
	Yes – Pass
	No - Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail

AW1.3	CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID
	The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide Bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of Bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person.
	We also certify that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this Bid any of the following:
	 (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these Bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed Bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the Bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the Bid;
	 (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any Bid to be submitted; (c) Offer to new or person to person to person to any and the person of memory of the person of the person
	(c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other Bid or proposed Bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described above.
	In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and anybody or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.
	We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.

	We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders information / documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail

AW3.1	In the event of a Bidder successfully providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a procurement requirement, the Bidder is expected to provide an answer to the validation check that can be seen within Stage One: Overview Section prior to the award of any Contract. If the Bidder fails to meet the Contracting Authority's expectations, we reserve the right to not award the Contract to the relevant Bidder and either award to the Bidder with the second most advantageous response
	or run a new procurement.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder is not required to complete the validation check at this stage but will be required to respond to the questions in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority's against a procurement requirement.
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail

AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the Contract Terms that can be found within the Stage One: Overview section.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes, No with justification or No
	Yes, we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass
	No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification.
	No – Fail
	For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' or 'No' you are not required to respond to AW4.2, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW4.2 in order to be considered.

Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Multiple Choice Dropdown
Туре	
	Yes, we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass
	No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to
	AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification.
	No – Fail

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'No with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.
	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' or 'No' to AW4.1 you are not required to respond to this question.
Bidder Guidance	A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Contract Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation).
	 Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied: the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory regulations.
	In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark-up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail. Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW4.1 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further.
	Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to the Contracting Authority Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, should be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Document Upload

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.2	Bidders are required to complete the Excel Pricing Schedule attached in the Document Upload attachments.
	All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.
	All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders shall confirm they have completed the Pricing Schedule.
Guidance	The scoring methodology for this question shall be:
	The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.
	All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.
	Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50
	In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by 50 ($80/100 \times 50 = 40$)
	The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.
	The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100. All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The lowest score possible is 0.
	For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000.
	Bid Price £100,000 Differential to the lowest price which meets mandatory pass criteria ('Differential') 0 Score 100
	Bid price - £120,000 Differential - 20% Score - 80 Bid price - £140,000 Differential - 40% Score - 60 Bid Price - £150,000 Differential - 50% Score - 50 Bid Price - £175,000 Differential - 75% Score - 25 Bid Price - £200,000 Differential - 100% Score - 0 Bid Price - £300,000 Differential - 200% Score - 0
Scoring Criteria	Maximum Marks 50%
Answer Type	Price Document Upload

AW5.4	The Contracting Authority is committed to delivering payments to suppliers within the timescales stated within our Contract terms and intend to embrace e-invoicing. Further information and helpful guidance regarding e-invoicing and iSupplier is available on the UK SBS website at: <u>https://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/Finance/Pages/iSupplier.aspx</u> Please confirm if you are successfully awarded this contract, that your implementation team will work with the Contracting Authority to ensure that e-invoicing is established within 28 days of Contract award by the Contracting Authority.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass
	No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass
Туре	No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option – Fail

QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail

AW6.2	Variable Bids
	The Contracting Authority shall not accept variable bids as part of this Procurement. The criteria in regard to variable bids for this Procurement is outlined below.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail
Туре	No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass

AW6.3	Deadline to Deliver
	Please confirm that you will complete the delivery as described in the specification before the end of the 2021 financial year. 5 th April 2022.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
-	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer Type	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

PROJ1.1	Social Values - Environmental Sustainability
	Describe the commitment your organisation will make and how you will influence staff and associates to ensure your commitment and actions to support environmental sustainability are embedded in your organisational culture and ways of working.
	You should include but not be limited to the steps you would take to ensure: • Reduction of the carbon footprint

	 Use of environmentally friendly techniques and activities Promote and communicate any policies relating to environmental sustainability Describe how you would monitor and measure this.
Bidder Guidance	An attachment is allowed for this question.
	This question is limited to up to 2 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing.
Scoring	Maximum mark 10%
Criteria	
Answer	Document Upload
Туре	

PROJ1.2	Risk Management
	Please identify what you feel would be the top 5 risks and how you plan to mitigate these risks throughout the delivery of this requirement
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are asked to provide details of the top 5 risks and how you plan to mitigate these risks throughout the delivery of this requirement.
	 Your response should cover the following areas as a minimum: Covid -19 - Delays due to COVID issues Description of the specific contingency plans and solutions you would provide should the risks occur How and when potential delays/risks that are identified will be communicated to the contracting authority A risk assessment detailing the top 5 risks associated with this service and how you plan to mitigate these
	This question is limited to up to 4 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing.
Scoring criteria	Scoring is based on the 0 to 100 scoring methodology Maximum Marks – 20.00%
Answer Type	Document Upload

PROJ1.3	Quality of Components
	Please provide details of the quality of the components to be supplied for this bid.
Bidder	
	Bidders are asked to define of the quality of the components to be supplied for this bid.
	Your response should cover the following areas as a minimum:
	 Are the components widely used? Are the components easily available? Are the components highly regarded in industry?
	An attachment is allowed for this question.
	This question is limited to up to 4 sides of A4 . Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing
Scoring criteria	Scoring is based on the 0 to 100 scoring methodology
	Maximum Marks – 20.00%
Answer Type	Document Upload