

List of Suppliers Invited to Submit a Tender for ITT No. LSBU15/0133

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**Invitation to Tender
for
The Calibration and Repair of Test
Equipment used across the MoD Tri-
Service community**

DEFFORM 47 Definitions

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This invitation consists of the following documentation:

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Section A – Introduction

- A1. “The Authority” means the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (referred to in this document as “the Authority”), acting as part of the Crown.
- A2. “Tenderer” means the economic operator or group of operators in the form of a consortium, including sub-contractors, who have been invited to submit a response to this Invitation to Tender. Where “you” is used this means an action on you the Tenderer.
- A3. “Invitation to Tender” (ITT) refers to the first document that the Authority sends out to potential Tenderers that initiates a tender response, competitive dialogue or negotiation.
- A4. A “Tender” is the offer that you are making to the Authority.
- A5. “Contractor Deliverables” means the works, goods and / or the services, including packaging (and Certificates(s) of Conformity supplied in accordance with any Quality Assurance (QA) requirements if specified) and any associated technical data which the contractor is required to provide under the contract in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements, but excluding incidentals outside the Schedule of Requirements such as progress reports.
- A6. “Schedule of Requirements” Schedule 2 means that part of the contract which identifies, either directly or by reference, the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied or carried out, the quantities involved and the price or pricing terms in relation to each Contractor Deliverable.
- A7. The “Statement of Requirement” details the technical requirements and acceptance criteria of the Contractor Deliverables. The Statement of Work is attached at Schedule 5 to this DEFFORM 47. This may include the System Requirements Document (SRD).
- A8. “Conditions of Tendering” means the conditions set out in the DEFFORM 47 that govern the competition.
- A9. “Contract Conditions” means the attached conditions that will govern any resultant contract.
- A10. A “Third Party” is any person who is not an employee of the Authority or Tenderer, as defined at A2.

Purpose

A11. The purpose of this ITT is to invite you to propose a solution / best price to meet the Authority’s requirement. This documentation explains and sets out the:

- a. tender process and timetable for the next stages of the procurement;
- b. instructions and conditions that govern this competition;
- c. information you must include in your Tender and the required format;
- d. administrative arrangements for the receipt and evaluation of Tenders; and e.

Contract Conditions that shall apply in the event that the Authority awards a contract following this competition.

A12. The sections in this ITT and associated documents are structured in line with a generic tendering process and do not indicate importance / precedence.

A13. This ITT has been issued to all potential Tenderers chosen during the supplier selection stage, listed on page 2 of this DEFFORM 47.

A14. The requirement was advertised by the Authority in the OJEU dated 19/09/17 with reference to the requirement for the Calibration and Repair of Test Equipment used across the MoD Tri-Service community following the Restricted procedure, under the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

ITT Documentation and ITT Material

A15. ITT Documentation means any information in any medium or form (for example drawings, handbooks, manuals, instructions, specifications and notes of pre-tender clarification meetings), issued to you, or to which you have been granted access, by the Authority for the purposes of responding to this ITT. ITT Material means any other material (including patterns and samples), equipment or software issued to you, or to which you have been granted access, by the Authority for the purposes of responding to this ITT. ITT Documentation, ITT Material and any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in them shall remain the property of the Authority or other Third Party owners and is released solely for the purposes of enabling you to submit a Tender. You must:

- a. take responsibility for the safe custody of the ITT Documentation and ITT Material and for all loss and damage sustained to it while in your care;
- b. not copy or disclose the ITT Documentation or any part of it to anyone other than the bid team involved in preparing your Tender, and not use it except for the purpose of responding to this ITT;
- c. seek written approval from the Authority if you need to provide access to any ITT Documentation or ITT Material to any Third Party;
- d. abide by any reasonable conditions imposed by the Authority in giving its approval under sub-paragraph A15.c, which at a minimum will require you to ensure any disclosure to a Third Party is made by you in confidence. Alternatively, due to IPR issues for example, the disclosure may be made, in confidence, directly by the Authority;
- e. accept that any further disclosure of ITT Documentation or ITT Material (or use beyond the original purpose), or further use of ITT Documentation or ITT Material, without the Authority's written approval may make you liable for a claim for breach of confidence and / or infringement of IPR, a remedy which may involve a claim for compensation;
- f. inform the named Commercial Officer if you decide not to submit a Tender;
- g. immediately return all ITT Documentation, ITT Material and derived information of an unmarked nature, should you decide not to respond to this ITT, or you are notified by the Authority that your Tender has been unsuccessful; and
- h. consult the named Commercial Officer to agree the appropriate destruction process if you are in receipt of ITT Documentation and ITT Material marked 'OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE' or 'SECRET'.

A16. Some or all of the ITT Documentation and ITT Material may be subject to one or more confidentiality agreements made between you and either the Authority or a Third Party, for example a confidentiality agreement established in the form of DEFFORM 94. The obligations contained in any such agreement will be in addition to, and not derogate from, your obligations under paragraph A15 above.

Tender Expenses

A17. You will bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting your Tender. If the Tender process is terminated or amended by the Authority, the Authority will not reimburse you.

Material Change of Control from Supplier Selection

A18. You must inform the Authority in writing if there is any material change in control, composition or membership of your organisation and / or consortium members, including any sub-contractors at any time during the procurement process. This may affect your right to stay in the competition.

Contract Conditions

A19. The full text of Defence Conditions (DEFCONs) and Defence Forms (DEFFORMS) are available electronically via the [Acquisition Operating Framework \(AOF\)](#).

A19. Contract conditions are attached.

Note: Babcock DSG operate a commercial invoicing process. It is a condition of any resultant Contract that the supplier complies with this process. The full process is detailed within the Terms and Conditions of LSBU15/0133.

Section B – Key Tendering Activities

The key dates for this procurement are currently anticipated to be as follows:

Stage	Date and Time	Initiated By	Submit to:
Final date for Clarification Questions / Requests for additional information	09/01/18 18:00	Tenderers	Contract Manager
Final Date for Requests for Extension to return date ²	05/01/18 17:00	Tenderers	Contract Manager
The Authority issues Final Clarification Answers	11/01/18 18:00	The Authority	All Tenderers ³
Tender Return	17/01/18 14:00	Tenderers	The Tender Board, using DEFFORM 28
Tender Evaluation	19/01/18	The Authority	N/A
Negotiations ⁴	N/A	The Authority	N/A
Reverse Auction	N/A	The Authority	N/A
Trials / Testing	N/A	The Authority	N/A

Notes

1. The Tenderer must make requests for an extension in writing (email is sufficient) to the above named contact, by the date and time shown. Any extension is at the sole discretion of the Authority and if granted will be granted to all Tenderers.
2. The Authority will automatically copy questions and answers to all Tenderers, removing the names of those who have raised the questions. If you do not want your question disclosed you must inform the Authority of this and the reason why when submitting the question. The Authority may choose to discuss with you whether it is appropriate to disclose the question or response, or both, to other Tenderers. If the Authority decides to disclose, you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your question. Where a question reveals a piece of information that could significantly impact the Tenderers responses this may result in an extension of the Tender return date. The Authority will endeavour to ensure that you have at least 10 working days to submit your Tender.
3. Negotiations are not permitted under the Open or Restricted Procedures.

Section C - Instructions on Preparing Tenders

Tenders for Selected Contractor Deliverables

C1. You must Tender for all the Contractor Deliverables listed in the attached Schedule of Requirements. The Authority reserves the right to reject your Tender where you have not tendered for all of the Contractor Deliverables.

Construction of Tenders

C2. Your Tender must be written in English, using Arial font size 11. Prices must be in £GBP ex VAT. Prices must be Firm Price and detail any price breakdowns which must be included in the Tender

C3. To assist the Authority's evaluation please set out your Tender response in accordance with Section D (Tender Evaluation).

Validity

C4. In accordance with F3 your Tender must be valid / open for acceptance for 90 calendar days from the Tender return date. If successful, your Tender must be open for acceptance for a further thirty (30) calendar days.

C5. Variant Bids. Any Tender made subject to additional or alternative Contract Conditions alone is not a variant bid. Where the tender evaluation has a pass / fail for the Contract Conditions the Authority may reject the Tender on the grounds of such additional or alternative Contract Conditions.

C6. The Authority cannot evaluate any Variant Bids during this competition.

Section D – Tender Evaluation

This section details how your Tender will be evaluated, the tools used to evaluate the Tender and the evaluation criteria.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS of TENDER	
Full completion of the table in DEFFORM 47ST Annex A (Offer) (See section F, paragraph 19)	Pass/Fail
DEFFORM 528 – Import and Export Controls (or detail if does not apply and why)	Pass/Fail
DEFFORM 539A Commercially Sensitive Information	Pass/Fail
Schedule 9 Hazardous Articles, Materials or Substances Supplied under the Contract	Pass/Fail
Annex B – Commercial Compliance Checklist	Pass/Fail
Full Completion of the Pricing Schedule for the Lot of interest detailed at Annex A to Schedule 2 of the ITT Terms and Conditions for LSBU15/0133 <i>All items within the lot <u>must</u> have a standard calibration price and a standard repair & calibration price</i> <u>No changes</u> are to be made to the format of the pricing template at Annex A to Schedule 2 <i>If no UKAS price is available the bidder <u>must</u> provide details within the comments section of the pricing template at Annex A to Schedule 2</i>	Pass/Fail
Full completion of Technical evaluation questions 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 at Section D of this DEFFORM 47.	
Copy of Certificate of Conformity	

The Tender Evaluation will be on the basis of:

M.E.A.T Ratio – Highest combined technically and financially scored tender

50% technical (200 marks available) and 50% price.

This tender will be evaluated using the Meat method. This is a comparative score and the scoring method is worked out using the ratio and calculation above. The optimum is the highest technical score and the lowest pricing, this together would get the highest total score. If you had the highest technical score but your pricing was double that of the lowest priced compliant tender, this would receive a lower total score.

In the event of two or more Tenders being awarded the same total the Authority shall choose the Tender with the lowest price.

Failure to meet mandatory Criteria will result in the Authority being unable to award a Contract. You must ensure the prices are firm and as specified in **Annex A to Schedule 2** of the ITT documentation.

The Commercial (pricing) element of this tender will be scored separately for each Lot using the pricing supplied by the potential providers.

1. Pricing Evaluation (50 Marks available)

The **Total Value for each individual Lot (TLV)** will be obtained as follows;

The sum of all Standard Calibration prices
PLUS
The sum of all Standard Repair & Calibration prices
PLUS
The sum of all UKAS Calibrations prices
PLUS
The sum of all UKAS Repair & Calibration prices
EQUALS
Suppliers Total Value (TLV)

Pricing Score = Total Available marks x

Lowest Priced Technically and
Commercially Compliant **TLV**
Suppliers **TLV**

Below is an example calculation:-

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 50 \quad \times \quad \frac{\text{Lowest Priced Technically and} \\
 &\quad \text{Commercially Compliant TLV (£1,189.621)} \\
 &\quad \text{Suppliers TLV (£1,356.721)}}{£1,356.721} \\
 &= 50 \quad \times \quad \frac{£1,189.621}{£1,356.721} \\
 &= 50 \times 0.877 \\
 &= 43.85 \text{ (43.8 rounded to one decimal place)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Technical Evaluation Questions

2.1. Measurement of Uncertainty		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your scope of accreditation? How many Parameters and over what ranges? For each parameter, what is the best measurement uncertainty you can achieve? 		
Total marks available for this question = 50 (of 100)		
Weighting: 50%		
0	Low Confidence	The potential provider has not provided any assurance of their ability to manage measurement uncertainty. The potential provider has given limited information about their scope of accreditation, what parameters and ranges their accreditation covers.
25	Medium Confidence	The potential provider has demonstrated their scope of accreditation. How many parameters and over what ranges they cover.
50	High Confidence	The potential provider demonstrates for each parameter they are bidding for, a fully calculated uncertainty budget and demonstrates that it is regularly revisited to verify any changes. The measurement uncertainty for each parameter is always smaller than the specification limits.

2.2 How many levels of calibration do you provide?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What types of service deliverables and documentation do those levels include? Do you test every specification for every installed option in an instrument? What service do we get for a UKAS accredited calibration in comparison to you providing a standard calibration? Please state whether the calibration may take place at a different premises or the calibration performed by a different competent person? 		
Total marks available for this question = 30 (of 100)		
Weighting 30%		
0	Low Confidence	The potential provider has not provided a breakdown of what service deliverables they provide. They do not test every specification for every installed option in an instrument. They have not provided information of the difference in service provided for a UKAS accredited calibration and a standard calibration.
15	Medium Confidence	The potential provider has demonstrated what types of service levels and deliverables apply to the service they provide. They test most specification on most installed option within an instrument, but not all. They can demonstrate what they provide for a standard calibration compared to a UKAS accredited calibration.
30	High Confidence	The potential provider has clearly demonstrated the various levels of service they can provide. The potential provider clearly identifies what is tested during a calibration as standard practice and they calibrate at least every specification for every installed option within the equipment. The potential provider can provide clearly between what service we get if paying for a standard or a UKAS accredited calibration.

2.3 Failure during test

If an instrument fails any of its performance tests;

- Are adjustments and re-tests part of your normal calibration process, or would you consider this over and above the calibration?
- What level of adjustment can you provide in-house?

Total marks available for this question = 20 (of 100)

Weighting 20%

0	Low Confidence	The potential provider is unable to provide adjustment for the instrument under test. The item fails calibration if out of specification. No adjustment or retest is done.
10	Medium Confidence	The potential provider can explain the procedure for adjusting an instrument that requires adjustment. However, the potential supplier does not have the capability to carry out adjustment in-house and has to sub-contract the item, resulting in a longer turnaround time compared to a supplier within in-house capability. A retest is carried out after adjustment has been applied.
20	High Confidence	The potential provider can explain the procedure for adjustment if an instrument under test is outside its specified limits. The potential supplier records all adjustments and records these on the calibration certification. The potential provider can carry out adjustment of equipment in-house and perform a retest after adjustment.

Babcock DSG Limited reserves the right to exclude any bidder who fails to answer a question and also reserves the right to exclude any bidder who has not provided a price for all of the items in the Lot they are quoting for at Annex A to Schedule 2 to the Contract.

Section E – Instructions on Submitting Tenders

Submission of your Tender

E1. Tenders must be sent to the Tender Board by the date and time stated in the covering letter to this DEFFORM 47. The Authority reserve the right to reject any Tender received after the stated date and time. You must provide 1 priced paper copy and 1 priced CD copy of your Tender. You must not email electronic copies until after the Tender Board has taken place. If you email your Tender before the Tender Board date, your Tender may be excluded from the competition.

E2. You must include the electronic copy/ies of the priced and unpriced Tender with the associated paper copy/ies only. You must label CDs containing electronic copies of the Tender with “Includes Prices” or “Unpriced”. The electronic copies of the Tenders must be compatible with Microsoft Office Word 2010 and other MS Office 2010 applications. If you, password protect or encrypt any information on CDs containing prices you must supply the password / use compatible encryption methods so that the Authority can undertake a pricing evaluation.

E3. You must complete and include DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) with your Tender. Where you select ‘Yes’ to any questions you must attach the relevant information.

E4. You must include the original signed DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) with one paper copy of your priced Tender.

E5. You must submit your paper and CD copies in a sealed envelope or box. For health and safety reasons, no individual envelope or box should weigh more than 11 kilos.

E6. You must attach the enclosed Tender Return Label (DEFFORM 28) to the outer packaging of each envelope or box that contains your Tender.

E7. If you intend to hand deliver your Tender you must inform the named Commercial Officer of your intention and seek further delivery instructions. Failure to do so may result in your Tender being refused and / or returned.

E8. You must ensure you include all relevant information in your Tender. The Authority can only evaluate information that you include in your Tender.

Samples

E9. Samples are not required

E10. You must submit responses to each of the Tender questions at Section D.

E11. You must submit a completed Commercial Compliance Matrix to demonstrate unqualified acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of the contract at Annex B of the DEFFORM 47.

E12. You must submit a completed Tenderer's Commercially Sensitive Information Form (DEFFORM 539A) at **Schedule 6** of the contract.

E13. You must submit a completed DEFFORM 528 in accordance with Information on Mandatory Declarations, Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A Offer

E14. Your pricing must be submitted using **Annex A to Schedule 2** to the terms and conditions. Your pricing must be firm, excluding VAT and inclusive of packaging to the specified level and delivery.

E15. The Calibration and Repair levels are as Stated in the Schedule 2 Annex A):
For items deemed “Beyond Economic Repair”, please refer to Condition **L9** of the Terms and Conditions.

E16. In accordance with **L2**, please provide a dedicated email address that purchase orders could be sent to.

Section F – Conditions of Tendering

F1. The issue of ITT Documentation or ITT Material is not a commitment by the Authority to place a contract as a result of this competition or at a later stage. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to an offer of contract and acceptance of that, is a matter solely for your commercial judgement. The Authority reserves the right to:

- a. seek clarification or additional documents in respect of a Tenderer's submission;
- b. visit your site;
- c. disqualify any Tenderer that does not submit a compliant Tender in accordance with the instructions in this ITT;
- d. disqualify any Tenderer that is guilty of misrepresentation in relation to its Tender, expression of interest, the dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) or the tender process;
- e. re-assess your suitability to remain in the competition, for example where there is a material change of control from supplier selection;
- f. withdraw this ITT at any time, or to re-invite Tenders on the same or any alternative basis;
- g. re-issue this ITT on a single source basis, in the event that this procurement does not result in a 'competitive process' as defined in the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014, making such adjustments as would be required by the application of the Defence Reform Act 2014 and / or the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014;
- h. choose not to award any contract as a result of the current procurement process;
- i. award a contract for some of the Contractor Deliverables, unless you specifically oppose this in your Tender or state any minimum order quantities; and / or:
- j. ask for an explanation of the costs or price proposed in the tender where the tender appears to be abnormally low.

F2. The contract will be entered into when the Authority sends written notification of its entry into the contract, via a DEFFORM 159. Written notification will be issued, to the address you provide, on or before the expiration of the period specified in paragraph C4 and subject to paragraph F3.

F3. It is a Condition of Tendering that the winning Tenderer holds their Tender open for acceptance for the period stated in C4. This period starts on the day the Authority announces its decision to award the contract to the winning Tenderer in accordance with the Tender. In the event that legal proceedings challenging the award of the contract are instigated, prior to entry into contract, it is a condition of this ITT that you hold your Tender open for acceptance during this period, and up to fourteen (14) days after the result of the legal proceedings. In the event of such legal challenge, the Authority agrees to use all reasonable measures to accelerate proceedings.

Conforming to the Law

F4. You must comply with the UK Competition Act 1998, the UK Bribery Act 2010, applicable EU and UK legislation and any equivalent legislation in a third state.

F5. Your attention is drawn in particular to legislation relating to the canvassing of a public official, collusive behaviour and bribery. If you act in breach of this legislation then your Tender may be disqualified from this procurement. Disqualification will be without prejudice to any civil remedy available to the Authority or any criminal liability that your conduct may attract.

Bid Rigging and Other Illegal Practices

F6. You must report any bid rigging, fraud, bribery, corruption, or any other dishonest irregularity in connection to this tendering exercise to:

Defence Regulatory Reporting Cell Hotline

0800 161 3665 (UK) or
+44 1371 85 4881 (Overseas)

Conflicts of Interest

F7. You must notify the Authority immediately of any Conflicts of Interest (COI) that have arisen or that arise at any point prior to contract award decision.

F8. Where there is an existing or potential Conflict of Interest (COI) you must include a proposed Compliance Regime in your Tender. As a minimum this must include:

- a. manner of operation and management;
- b. roles and responsibilities;
- c. standards for integrity and fair dealing;
- d. levels of access to and protection of competitors sensitive information and Government Furnished Information;
- e. confidentiality / non-disclosure agreements (e.g. DEFFORM 702);
- f. the Authority's rights of audit; and
- g. physical and managerial separation.

Should your Tender be accepted your proposed Compliance Regime will become part of the Contract Conditions and shall be legally binding.

Government Furnished Assets

F9. Where the Authority provides Government Furnished Assets (GFA) in support of this competition, you must include details of the GFA in your Public Store Account and treat it in accordance with Def Stan 05-099. If unsuccessful in this competition, you must seek instructions for that GFA from the named Commercial Officer.

Standstill Period

F10. The Authority is obliged under certain circumstances to allow a space of ten (10) calendar days between the date of dispatch of its notice to Tenderers before entering into a contract, known as the standstill period. This period is to give unsuccessful Tenderers an opportunity to make a legal challenge before the contract is entered into if there has been, or it is alleged that there has been, a breach of the Regulations. The standstill period ends at midnight at the end of the 10th day after the date the DEFFORM 158 is sent. Where this is not a working day, it extends to midnight at the end of the next working day.

Publicity Announcement

F11. The Authority will publish notification of the contract and shall publish contract documents under the FOI Act except where publishing such information would hinder law enforcement; would otherwise be contrary to the public interest; would prejudice the legitimate commercial interest of any person, or might prejudice fair competition between suppliers. You should complete and return DEFFORM 539A as explained in the DEFFORM 47 Annex A and associated Appendix 1.

F12. If you wish to make a similar announcement, you must seek approval from the named Commercial Officer.

F13. Under no circumstances should you confirm to any Third Party the Authority's acceptance of an offer of contract prior to either informing the Authority of your acceptance or the Authority's announcement of the award of contract, whichever occurs first.

Sensitive Information

F14. All Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further, the Cabinet Office has a cross-governmental role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement, including ensuring value for money, related aspects of good procurement practice and answering Freedom Of Information requests.

F15. For these purposes, the Authority may share within Government any of the Contractor's documentation / information (including any that the Contractor considers to be confidential and / or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Contractor to the Authority during this Procurement. Contractors taking part in this competition must identify any sensitive material in the DEFFORM 539A (or SC1B Schedule 4, SC2 Schedule 9, or SC3 Schedule 6) and consent to these terms as part of the competition process. This allows the MOD to share information with other Government departments while complying with our obligations to maintain confidentiality.

F16. The Authority reserves the right to disclose on a confidential basis any information it receives from Tenderers during the procurement process (including information identified by the Tenderer as Commercially Sensitive Information in accordance with the provisions of this ITT/ITN) to any third party engaged by the Authority for the specific purpose of evaluating or assisting the Authority in the evaluation of the Tenderer's Tender. In providing such information the Tenderer consents to such disclosure.

Remedies for Breach of Contract

F17. You should be aware of the contractual remedies set out in the Contract Conditions clause F.1.a, which may apply in the event of a breach of contract by the contractor. Damages for breach of contract are not limited under the contract. However, you should also note under clause F1.d that in exercising its rights and remedies under the contract the Authority must act in a reasonable and proportionate manner having regard to the nature and consequences of the breach of contract. If you are unsure about the potential liability under the contract, you should seek advice from the named Commercial Officer.

Reportable Requirements

F18. Listed in the DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) are the Mandatory Declarations. It is a Condition of Tendering that you complete and attach the returns listed in the Annex and, where you select yes, you attach the relevant information.

F19. Failure to complete this part of the Annex in full makes your Tender non-compliant. Additional information provided in response to Appendix 1 may be used to support the Authority's evaluation of your tender, as detailed in Section D.

F20. If you are an overseas Contractor and your Tender is successful you will be required to provide the name and address of your banker and the relevant bank account number on contract award.

Specific Conditions of Tendering

Third Party IPR - Confidentiality And Technical Assistance

F21. It is proposed that information as used by the Authority relevant to the performance of any resultant contract will be made available to the winning Tenderer exclusively for the performance of services specified under the contract for the MOD.

F22. Any request for payment of licence fees for the use of information to be provided by the Authority under paragraph 1 should be referred to the Authority when submitting the Tender or responding to an offer of contract from the Authority, and no agreement entered therefore without the consent of the Authority. You must exclude any proposed charges for access to or use of the information from the Tender price.

F23. The Tenderer should make their own arrangements, as necessary, directly with any original supplier of equipment to be repaired or maintained under any resultant contract for the provision of

technical assistance and support. You must include the cost of securing any services necessary in the Tender price. You should include details of such arrangements when submitting your Tender or responding to an offer of contract from the Authority.

F24. In addition, the Tenderer, when tendering or responding to an offer of contract from the Authority, shall provide to the Authority in writing:

- a. details of arrangements they propose to make to maintain the confidentiality of information provided under paragraph 1;
- b. details of any proposed use of information to be provided under the contract otherwise for the exclusive performance of services under the contract for the MOD and as currently carried out by the Authority, including any Intellectual Property Right known to the Tenderer which is not covered by paragraphs 1 to 3 above and which may be required for the purpose of tendering for or performing the contract;
- c. a statement setting out full details of any licence or other agreement (whether royalty bearing or not) or legal restraint relating to any other Intellectual Property considered necessary for the performance of the proposed work. No payment for use of such Intellectual Property Rights will be allowed as a part of the contract price or otherwise reimbursed by the Authority to the contractor unless it shall have been specifically agreed to by the Authority.

F25. In the event of the Tenderer proposing to sub-contract for the purpose of any resultant contract, they must notify Tenderers for sub-contracts of the same notices and instructions given for the main contract by paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Condition of Tendering.

Sustainable Development

F26. The Authority is very committed to achieving sustainable development goals through educating the supply chain, developing performance measures and sharing best practice. This is not a condition to working with the Authority, now or in the future, nor part of the Contract. It is however a commitment on our part to encourage and support sustainable development and we are committed to working with you to this end. The Authority very much hopes that you share this commitment and we will discuss sustainable development further with the successful Tenderer during the performance of any resultant Contract.

Joint Statement on Access to Skills, Trade Unions and Advice in Government Contracting

F27. The Government is committed to improving the quality of services delivered under our contracts and improving the skills of those working on these. This is an ideal shared by the Confederation of British Industry and Trade Union Conference and the Authority encourages all Tenderers to demonstrate their commitment to improving the skills of their workforce. This can be done by signing up to the Sustainable Workforce Pledge. This is not a condition of working for the Authority, now or in the future, nor part of the Contract. It is however a commitment on your part to actively encourage and support your staff to gain skills and we are committed to working with you to this end. The Authority very much hopes you will want to show your commitment in this way and we will discuss skills improvement further with the successful Tenderer during the performance of any resultant contract.

Tender Ref No.

Ministry of Defence

Tender Submission Document (Offer)

To the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereafter called "the Authority")

The undersigned Tenderer, having read the ITT Documentation, offers to supply the Contractor Deliverables at the stated price(s), in accordance with any referenced drawings and / or specifications, subject to the Conditions of Tendering. It is agreed that only the Contract Conditions or any amendments issued by the Authority shall apply.

Applicable Law				
I agree that any contract resulting from this competition shall be subject to English Law *Where 'No' is selected, Scots Law will apply.				Yes / No*
Total Value of Tender (excluding VAT)				
£				
WORDS				
UK Value Added Tax				
If registered for Value Added Tax purposes, please insert:				
a. Registration No				
b. Total amount of Value Added Tax payable on this Tender (at current rate(s)) £.....				
Location of work (town / city) where contract will be performed by Prime:				
Where items which are subject of your Tender are not supplied or provided by you, state location in town / city to be performed column (continue on another page if required)				
Tier 1 Sub-contractor Company Name	Town / city to be Performed	Contractor Deliverables	Estimated Value	SME Yes / No
Mandatory Declarations (further details are contained in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer)):			Tenderer's Declaration	
Is the offer subject to the Authority contracting for all the Contractor Deliverables?			Yes* / No	
Is the offer made subject to a Minimum Order Quantity?			Yes* / No	
Are the Contractor Deliverables subject to IPR that has been exclusively or part funded by Private Venture, Foreign Investment or otherwise than by Authority funding?			Yes* / No	
Are the Contractor Deliverables subject to Foreign Export Control and Security Restrictions? If the answer is Yes, please complete and attach DEFFORM 528			Yes* / No	
Have you obtained foreign export approval necessary to secure IP user rights for the Authority in Contract Deliverables, including technical data, as determined in the Contract Conditions?			Yes* / No	
Have you provided details of how you will comply with all regulations relating to the operation of the collection of custom import duties, including the proposed Customs procedure to be used and an estimate of duties to be incurred or suspended?			Yes / No	
Have you completed Form 1686 for sub-contracts?			Yes / No	
Have you completed the compliance matrix/ matrices?			Yes / No / Not Required	

Are you a Small Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)?	Yes / No						
Have you and your sub-contractors registered with the Prompt Payment Code with regards to SMEs?	Yes / No						
Have you completed and attached Tenderer's Commercially Sensitive Information Form (DEFFORM 539A)?	Yes / No						
If you have not previously submitted a Statement Relating to Good Standing, or circumstances have changed have you attached a revised version?	Yes* / No / N/A						
Do the Contractor Deliverables contain Asbestos, as defined by the control of Asbestos Regulations 2012?	Yes* / No						
Have you completed and attached a DEFFORM 68 - Hazardous Articles, Deliverables materials or substances statement?	Yes* / No						
Do the Contractor Deliverables (including Packaging) use Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, as defined in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 (as amended by EC 744/2010) of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Yes* / No						
Have you attached The Bank / Parent Company Guarantee?	Yes* / No / Not Required						
Have you complied with the requirements of the Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Articles?	Yes / No / Not Required						
Have you completed the additional Mandatory Requirements?	Yes / No / Not Required						
*If selecting Yes to any of the above questions, please attach the information detailed in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer).							
Tenderer's Declaration of Compliance with Competition Law							
<p>We certify that the offer made is intended to be genuinely competitive. No aspect of the price has been fixed or adjusted by any arrangement with any Third Party. Arrangement in this context includes any transaction, or agreement, private or open, or collusion, formal or informal, and whether or not legally binding. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the offered price has not been divulged to any Third Party, b. no arrangement has been made with any Third Party that they should refrain from tendering, c. no arrangement with any Third Party has been made to the effect that we will refrain from bidding on a future occasion, d. no discussion with any Third Party has taken place concerning the details of either's proposed price, and e. no arrangement has been made with any Third Party otherwise to limit genuine competition. <p>We understand that any instances of illegal cartels or market sharing arrangements, or other anti-competitive practices, suspected by the Authority will be referred to the Competition and Markets Authority for investigation and may be subject to action under the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002.</p> <p>We understand that any misrepresentations may also be the subject of criminal investigation or used as the basis for civil action.</p> <p>We agree that the Authority may share the Contractor's information / documentation (submitted to the 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. We certify that we have identified any sensitive material in DEFFORM 539A.</p>							
Dated this..... day of Year							
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Name: (in BLOCK CAPITALS) duly authorised to sign this Tender for and on behalf of: (Tenderer's Name)	Postal Address: Telephone No: Registered Company Number: Dunn And Bradstreet number:						

Information on Mandatory Declarations

Part Tender

1. Under Condition of Tendering F1, the Authority reserves the right to order some or part of your Tender. If your offer is subject to the Authority contracting for all the Contractor Deliverables select 'Yes' and provide further details in your Tender.

Minimum Order Quantities

2. Where your offer is subject to minimum order quantities select 'Yes' and provide further details in your Tender.

IPR - Restrictions.

3. Where the Contractor Deliverables are subject to IPR that has been exclusively or part funded by Private Venture, Foreign Investment or otherwise than by Authority funding you must select 'Yes' in Annex A (Are the Contractor Deliverables subject to IPR that has been exclusively or part funded by Private Venture, Foreign Investment or otherwise than by Authority funding) .

4. If you have answered 'Yes' in Annex A (Offer) as directed by paragraph 3 above, you must provide details in your Tender of any Contractor Deliverable which will be, or is likely to be, subject to any IPR restrictions or any other restriction on the Authority's ability to use or disclose the Contractor Deliverable, including export restrictions. In particular, you must identify:

a. Any restriction of, provision of information to the Authority, any restriction on disclosure or use of information by the Authority; or any obligation to make payments, in respect of IPR, and any Patent or Registered Design (or application for either) or other IPR (including unregistered Design Right) owned or controlled by you or a Third Party;

b. any allegation made against you, whether by claim or otherwise, of an infringement of an Intellectual Property Right (whether a Patent, Registered Design, unregistered Design Right, Copyright or otherwise) or of a breach of confidence, which relates to the performance of any resultant contract or subsequent use by or for the Authority of any Contractor Deliverables;

c. the nature of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 4.b., including any obligation to make payments in respect of the Intellectual Property Right of any confidential information and / or;

d. any action you need to take or the Authority is required to take to deal with the consequences of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 4.b.

5. You must, when requested, give the Authority details of every restriction and obligation referred to in paragraph 4. The Authority will not acknowledge any such restriction unless so notified under paragraph 4 or as otherwise agreed under any resultant Contract. You must also provide, on request, any information required for authorisation to be given under Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958.

6. If you have previously provided information under paragraphs 4 and 5 you can provide details of the previous notification, updated as necessary to confirm their validity.

Notification of Foreign Export Control Restrictions

7. If in the performance of the Contract, you need to import into the UK or export out of the UK anything not supplied by or on behalf of the Authority and for which a UK import or export licence is required, you will be responsible for applying for the licence. The Authority will provide you with all reasonable assistance in obtaining any necessary UK import or export licence.

8. In respect of any Contractor Deliverables, likely to be required for the performance of any resultant contract, you must provide the following information in your Tender:

- a. Whether all or part of any Contractor Deliverables are or will be subject to:
 - (1) a non-UK export licence, authorisation or exemption; or
 - (2) any other related transfer control that restricts or will restrict end use, end user, re-transfer or disclosure.

You must complete DEFFORM 528 (or other mutually agreed alternative format) in respect of any Contractor Deliverables identified at paragraph 8 and return it as part of your Tender. If you have previously provided this information you can provide details of the previous notification and confirm the validity.

9. You must use reasonable endeavours to obtain sufficient information from your potential supply chain to enable a full response to paragraph 8. If you are unable to obtain adequate information, you must state this in your Tender. If you become aware at any time during the competition that all or part of any proposed Contractor Deliverable is likely to become subject to a non-UK Government Control through a Government-to-Government sale only, you must inform the Authority immediately by updating your previously submitted DEFFORM 528 or completing a new DEFFORM 528.

10. This does not include any Intellectual Property specific restrictions mentioned in paragraph 8.

11. You must notify the named Commercial Officer immediately if you are unable for whatever reason to abide by any restriction of the type referred to in paragraph 8.

12. Should you propose the supply of Contractor Deliverables of US origin, the export of which from the USA is subject to control under the US International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), you must include details on the DEFFORM 528. This will allow the Authority to make a decision whether the export or cannot be made under the US-UK Defense Trade Co-operation Treaty. The Author shall then convey its decision to the Tenderer. If the Authority decides that use of the Treaty for the export is permissible, it is your responsibility to make a final decision whether you want to use that route for the export concerned if you are awarded the Contract.

Import Duty

13. European (EU) Legislation permits the use of various procedures to suspend customs duties.

14. For the purpose of this competition, for any Contractor Deliverable not yet imported into the EU, you are required to provide the details of your plans to address customs compliance, including the Customs procedures to be applied (together with the procedure code) and the estimated Import Duty to be incurred and/or suspended.

15. You should note that it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with all regulations relating to the operation of the accounting for import duties. This includes but is not limited to obtaining the appropriate authorisations from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

Sub-contracts Form 1686

16. [Form 1686](#) (also known as Appendix 5) is to be used in all circumstances where contractors wish to place a sub-contract with a contractor where the release of OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE information is involved. The process will require submission of the single page document either directly to the MOD Project Team or, where specified, to the DE&S Security Advice Centre. You

can find further information in the [Security Policy Framework – Contractual Process](#) .

Small and Medium Enterprises

17. The Authority is committed to supporting the Government's small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) initiative; its ambitious target is that every £1 in every £3 that the Government spends should be with small businesses by 2020. Our goal is that 25% of MOD spending should be spent with SMEs by 2020; this applies to the money which the MOD spends directly with SMEs and through the supply chain. The Authority uses the European Commission definition of an SME.

18. A key aspect of the Government's SME Policy is ensuring that its suppliers throughout the supply chain are paid promptly. All suppliers to the Authority and their sub-contractors are encouraged to make their own commitment and register with the [Prompt Payment Code](#).

19. Suppliers are also encouraged to work with the Authority to support the Authority's SME initiative. Information on the Authority's purchasing arrangements, our commercial policies and our SME policy can be found at [Gov.UK](#).

20. The opportunity also exists for Tenderers to advertise any sub-contract valued at over £10,000 in the MOD Contracts Bulletin and further details can be obtained directly from:

BiP Solutions Ltd

Web address: www.contracts.mod.uk

Tel No: 0845 270 7099

Transparency, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations

21. You should be aware that the contents of any resultant contract may be published in line with government policy set out in the Prime Minister's letter of May 2010 ([Government Transparency and Accountability](#)) and the information contained within Conditions of Contract Clause A14.

22. Before publishing the contract, the Authority will redact any information which is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOIA") or the Environmental Information Regulations 2002 ("the EIR").

23. You should complete the attached Tenderer's Commercially Sensitive Information Form (DEFFORM 539A) explaining which parts of your Tender you consider to be commercially sensitive. This includes providing a named individual who can be contacted with regard to FOIA and EIR.

24. You should note that, while your views will be taken into consideration, the ultimate decision whether to publish or disclose information lies with the Authority. You are advised to provide as much detail as possible on the form. It is highly unlikely that a Tender will be exempt from disclosure in its entirety. Should the Authority decide to publish or disclose information against your wishes you will be given prior notification.

Electronic Purchasing

25. This clause does not apply in this instance, and you should refer to the payments details within the Terms and Conditions proposed for any resultant Contract.

Change of Circumstances

26. If you have not previously submitted a Statement Relating to Good Standing or circumstances have changed, select 'Yes' and submit a Statement Relating to Good Standing with your Tender.

Asbestos, Hazardous Items and Depletion of the Ozone Layer

27. The Authority is required to report any items that use asbestos, that are hazardous or where there is an impact on the Ozone. Where any Contractor Deliverables fall into one of these categories select 'Yes' and provide further details in your Tender.

Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Requirements

28. There are no MAA Requirements.

Bank or Parent Company Guarantee

30. A Bank or Parent Company Guarantee is not required.

The Armed Forces Covenant

31. The Armed Forces Covenant is a public sector pledge from Government, businesses, charities and organisations to demonstrate their support for the Armed Forces community. The Covenant was brought in under the Armed Forces Act 2011 to recognise that the whole nation has a moral obligation to redress the disadvantages the armed forces community face in comparison to other citizens, and recognise sacrifices made.

32. The Covenant's two principles are that:

- a. the Armed Forces community would not face disadvantages when compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services; and
- b. special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

The Authority encourages all Tenderers, and their suppliers, to sign the Corporate Covenant, declaring their support for the Armed Forces community by displaying the values and behaviours set out therein.

33. [The Armed Forces Covenant](#) provides guidance on the various ways you can demonstrate your support through the Corporate Covenant.

34. If you wish to register your support you can provide a point of contact for your company on this issue to the Armed Forces Covenant Team at the address below, so that the MOD can alert you to any events or initiatives in which you may wish to participate. The Covenant Team can also provide any information you require in addition to that included on the website.

Email address: covenant-mailbox@mod.uk

Address: Armed Forces Covenant Team

Zone D, 6th Floor, Ministry Of Defence

Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB

35. Paragraphs 31-34 above are not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the Tender Evaluation, Contract Award Procedure or any resultant Contract. However, the Authority very much hopes you will want to provide your support.