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**United Kingdom-Yeovil: Aircraft engines  
2018/S 029-064117**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

Directive 2009/81/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority/entity: [www.mod.gov.uk](http://www.mod.gov.uk)

**Further information can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

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/entities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Merlin and Apache AH Mk1 Engine Support

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Somerset, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

NUTS code UKK23,UKK3

**II.1.3) Information on framework agreement**

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):**

Aircraft engines. Aircraft Engine Support. The Authority has a requirement for the technical support, maintenance, modification and minor additional technical and engineering support of both the UK Ministry of Defence Merlin and Apache AH Mk1 Helicopter engines (including associated Engine Accessory Units).

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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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) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The requirement shall include on-aircraft technical support, off-aircraft engine testing, supply of engine spares and maintenance and repair of engines and accessories to ensure the Merlin and Apache AH Mk1 Helicopter fleets receive the required levels of engine support. The requirement for support to the Apache AH Mk1 fleet shall be for a period of 5 years from April 2019 with Contract Options to extend by up to 2 years. The requirement for support to the Merlin fleet shall be from 1.4.2019 to March 2030 with Contract options to extend to 2040.

It is not anticipated that the requirement for the Merlin and Apache AH Mk1 fleet solutions will be split. Innovative and variant proposals will be welcomed and considered and evaluated against the methodology used for all bids under this requirement.

Estimated Value of Requirement: Between 1 100 000 000 GBP and 1 400 000 000 GBP (inclusive of options) including all applicable VAT, taxes and duties.

If a bidder requests any Government Furnished Equipment, Facilities, Information or other property (collectively "GFA") (including but not limited to the supply of services and/or technical support in relation to the RTM-322 Engines the Authority currently has in-service) there will be a compensatory reduction in the available budget equivalent to the costs of such GFA and the Authority shall add those costs to the bid price for evaluation, comparison and award purposes.

Interested companies are required to complete a Dynamic Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (DPQQ) to provide the Authority with information to evaluate the company's capacities and capabilities against the selection criteria.

The Authority will use the DPQQ response to create a shortlist of tenderers who:

- a) are eligible to participate;
- b) fulfill any minimum economic, financial, professional and technical standards; and
- c) best meet in terms of capacity and capability the selection criteria set out below.

It is envisaged that a minimum number of 2 and a maximum number of 6 companies will be invited to tender by the Authority based upon the DPQQ response weighted scores.

Selection Criteria:

As detailed in the DPQQ.

Relevant Dates:

- 1) Deadline for Expression of Interest: 30 calendar days from issue of Contract Notice;
- 2) Proposed/Estimated ITN Issue Date: 60 working days from issue of Contract Notice;
- 3) Proposed/Estimated Tender Return Date: 120 working days from issue of Contract Notice;
- 4) Proposed Issue Date of Contract: March 2019;
- 5) Proposed Completion Date of Contract: 2040 (including Contract Options).

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 100 000 000 and 1 400 000 000 GBP

**II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: Options to extend the engine support for the Apache AH Mk1 by up to 2 years and for the Merlin by up to 10 years.

**II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:**

The Authority may require a Parent Company Guarantee at its sole discretion.

**III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

**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:**

The contracting authority considers that this contract is unlikely to 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 MOD should register on its Supplier Information Database (SID), available at [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk). The SID is a catalogue of potential suppliers available to all MOD procurement staff, and is the main supplier database used by MOD. Please note that the registration and publication of a company profile on the 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 a contract opportunity must respond to any specific call for competition by submitting a separate expression of interest in accordance with the instructions in the contract notice.

From 2.4.2014 the Government introduced its new Government Security Classifications Policy (GSC) to replace the previous 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>

Contract HELSS/0102 is subject to DEFCON 658 (Edn 10/17) (Cyber) and Def Stan 05-138 (Cyber Security for Defence Suppliers). A Cyber Risk Assessment has been carried out by the Project Team and a risk level of Very Low has been identified (Reference: RAR-ETVD299U). In order for a supplier to demonstrate their compliance MOD has created Octavian (<https://supplier-cyber-protection.service.gov.uk/>). This is an online tool that enables

suppliers to complete a supplier assurance questionnaire (SAQ). Further information on compliance to the Defence Cyber Protection Partnership can be found via the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/defence-cyber-protection-partnership>

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.

III.1.5) **Information about security clearance:**

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

**Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

**Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

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)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: no

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Negotiated

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 2 and maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As per the Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

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) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

HELSS/0102

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

14.3.2018 - 12:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Advertising Regime OJEU: This contract opportunity is published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), MoD Defence Contracts Bulletin and [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)

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VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

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**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Ministry of Defence, Helicopters, Merlin Project Team  
As above  
As above  
United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: 30 calendar days from issue of this contract notice.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

8.2.2018