Invitation to Quote

Questions

Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of UK Space Agency Subject UK SBS Potential Environmental Impacts of UK Space Launch Activity – A Marine and Terrestrial Study

Sourcing reference number CR18191

Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

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

Guidance on completion of the questionnaire is available at http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENCIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

	consortium bid is being submitt	nisation acting as lead contact where a ed).
Bidder		on the details of the organisation bidding
guidance		tact where a consortium bid is being
	submitted).	
	This is the legal entity with whom w	ve will Contract if successful.
Scoring	For information only	
criteria		
Bidder	Table	
response	Bidders full legal name	
	Address line 1	
	Address line 2	
	Address line 3	
	Address line 4	
	Town / City	
	Country	
	Post code (or equivalent)	
	Bidder contact	
	Telephone No.	
	Email	
	proceedings in any jurisdiction In the last three years, has you following an investigation by Commission or its predecess	r organisation had a complaint upheld / the Equality and Human Rights
	jurisdiction other than the U discrimination?	K), on grounds of alleged unlawful
Bidder guidance	discrimination? The Bidder shall answer Yes or Ne Yes – Fail No – Pass *If you have answered "yes" ple question, a summary of the natur of the outcome of the investigation If the investigation upheld the cor use the attachment to explain wha unlawful discrimination from reocc You may be excluded if you are to	K), on grounds of alleged unlawful ease provide, as an attachment to this e of the investigation and an explanation to date. mplaint against your organisation, please t action (if any) you have taken to prevent urring. unable to demonstrate to the Contracting priate remedial action has been taken to
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SEL3.11	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 – information attached
	C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to commencement of a contract
	D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Selection

SEL3.12	Cyber Essentials is mandatory for central government contracts advertised after 1 October 2014 which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for those contracts featuring any of the characteristics set out below in bidders' guidance.
	Cyber Essentials is for all organisations, of all sizes, and in all sectors. This is not limited to companies in the private sector, but is also applicable to universities, charities, and public sector organisations.
	Further details are available at:
	https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/
Bidder guidance	Any of the following characteristics will necessitate the mandatory requirement for bidders to have an up to date Cyber Essentials Certificate:
	 Where personal information of citizens, such as home addresses, bank details, or payment information is handled by a supplier.
	ii) Where personal information of Government employees, Ministers and Special Advisors such as payroll, travel booking or expenses information is handled by a supplier.
	 iii) Where ICT systems and services are supplied which are designed to store, or process, data at the OFFICIAL level of the Government Protective Marking scheme.
	Bidders can answer
	Yes – the Cyber Essential Certificate is currently in place

	No – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we have no intention of having it in place for commencement of the contract
	Intend – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we intend to have it 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
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No/Intend

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) 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 if requested under an FOI request or EIR request. Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOI Act 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 FOI Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR
	ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)
	EXEMPTIONS
	Please complete this section <u>only if you have agreed for your</u>
	information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1.
	If you have not agreed to your information to be disclosed under the
	FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not applicable)
	If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI
	Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or

		r information and why? If you are not r exceptions please complete each field
Bidder guidance	 the table below. The Bidder (irrespective of sub shall note that if the Contractin Exemptions or Exceptions have Regulation, the Contracting Au unless another exemption or ex Authority. Be aware that by completing F for UK SBS to disclose the pro 	s of their proposed exemptions/exception in mitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid) g Authority believes that the suggested e not been applied properly as per the Act or thority will disclose the requested information xception can be applied by the Contracting OI1.1 and answering 'Yes' you have agreed vided information under the Freedom of nmental Information Regulation 2004, ached for consent.
Scoring criteria	For information only	
Bidder response	Confidential Information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Commercially sensitive information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act

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 guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria	
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

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 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 any body 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 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 Contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority. We agree that the Contracting Authority may d
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

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 attached questions as a validation check 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 criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes I have understood that I need to complete the validation check in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a procurement requirement.

AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the attached Contract Terms.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes , No with justification or No Yes – Pass No with justification – Pass. See question AW4.2 for details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No

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.
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. Where a Bidder has answered Question AW4.1 with 'Yes' or 'No' it must
	answer 'not applicable' to achieve a Pass to question AW4.2 (noting that an answer of 'No' to question AW4.1 has already resulted in a fail). 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.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu 'N/A' 'I have answered AW4.1 'No with justification' and attach modifications / requested / justification'.

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.2		equired to complete the Excel Pricing Response section.	Schedule attached
	AW5.2%20Pric	e%	
	All prices sha	II be exclusive of VAT.	
		earing elsewhere in the Bid but not mo dule shall be presumed waived.	entioned in this
Bidder guidance	The scoring me	onfirm they have completed the Pricing s ethodology for this question shall be: ce for a response which meets the pas	
		shall be scored on a pro rata basis in r ore is then subject to a multiplier to re ce criterion.	
	Where the score be multiplied by	ring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-10 y 50	0 score achieved will
	equate to 409	if a supplier scores 80 from the availab % by using the following calculation: 0 (80/100 x 50 = 40)	•
		ore possible is 0 even if the price sub han the lowest price.	omitted is more than
	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	Differential to the lowest price	Score
		which meets the mandatory pass criteria	
	£100,000	0	100
	£120,000	20%	80
	£140,000	40%	60
	£150,000	50%	50
	£175,000	75%	25
	£200,000	100%	0
O a a mina a	£300,000	200%	0
Scoring	Maximum Mark	(S 20%	
criteria			

response	
AW5.5	The Contracting Authority is committed to delivering payments to suppliers within the timescales stated within our Contract terms and intend to embrace e-invoicing.
	There are a number of options for suppliers to choose from outlined in the attached FAQ. Please confirm your acceptance of e-payment.
	iSupplier Fact Sheet
	ISupplier
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option - Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

AW5.6	Please confirm if you are successfully awarded this contract 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 – Pass	
	No – Fail	
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail	
Bidder	Yes / No	
response		

QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

PROJ1.1	Approach/ Methodology
	Please clearly explain and give reasoning for your proposed methodology and approach to achieving the objectives and delivering the outputs highlighted in the specification.
Bidder guidance	As a minimum your response should include:
	 Methodological Challenges Give a <u>detailed description</u> of the methods to be used in undertaking the project, indicating the resources that will be utilised, outlining a clear justification as to why your chosen methodology will provide the best outcome; Set out how your methods meet the project objectives; Please include a recommendation for the size and composition of the sample and justification for your approach. Dissemination
	 Provide details of how you would propose to work with UKSA to disseminate emerging and final findings to stimulate policy debate. An attachment is allowed for this question
	This question is limited to 8 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. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.2	Staff to Deliver
	Please demonstrate your knowledge of the skills and expertise that are essential to the successful delivery of this project. Please provide your methodology as to how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project.
Bidder guidance	Bidders are asked to demonstrate:
guidanoo	As a minimum your response should include:
	 Any support that would be needed and from whom, in order to undertake and complete this project.
	An attachment is allowed for this question
	This question is limited 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. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.

Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 10%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.3	Understanding the Project Environment
	Demonstrate your understanding of the project environment, detailing any knowledge relevant to the project and policy/programme area, including any data sources, in-house expertise or research relevant to the project.
Bidder guidance	 Bidders are asked to demonstrate: As a minimum your response should include: Interpretation of the project and what is required How the bidder will ensure the successful deliver of this project within the working environment An attachment is allowed for this question This question is limited 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. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology. Maximum Mark: 20%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.4	Project Plan and Timescales Please outline your proposed project plan and timescales, ensuring the key deadlines outlined in the specification are met and the specific requirement that this is delivered
Bidder guidance	 Bidders are asked to demonstrate/provide: As a minimum you response should cover; A detailed timetable for carrying out the work based on the proposed approach and method Highlight key milestones and deadlines, including suggested meetings and progress reports.
	This question is limited 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. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm
Scoring criteria	Maximum Mark: 10%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.