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**UK-London: intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance
2010/S 138-212428**

PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S)

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I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES

National or federal agency/office
Public order and safety

SECTION II.B: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT (SUPPLIES OR SERVICES)

II.1) TITLE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONTRACT BY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Request for information only - information with regard to covert aerial surveillance services, including UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles).

II.2) TYPE OF CONTRACT AND PLACE OF DELIVERY OR OF PERFORMANCE

The service will be required on a national basis, indicatively delivered from 1 location.
NUTS code UK

II.3) SHORT DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND QUANTITY OR VALUE OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES

Please note that the CPV codes are a guide only. The scope of services that NDPB are looking to potentially procure is described as follows:

The provision of a fully serviced airborne surveillance-ready platform for covert observation incorporating the Police air operators manuals. Core availability would indicatively be Monday to Saturday (6:00-22:00) and Sunday (9:00-17:00), with capability for deployment within 2 hours of receipt of unanticipated urgent taskings during non core hours. The service must be fully Civil aviation authority (CAA) and Air operational certificate (AOC) compliant, allow for (at least) up to 5 hour mission duration (in compliance with extant Health and Safety requirement) and include all weather, high endurance flying (including night and dust operational optical) capabilities. information is required with regard to a variety of air frame profiles, including twin engined, which have inherent interoperability with ground units, stable flight characteristics and which represent easily adaptable platforms for specialised roles. Low direct operating costs (including low maintenance but high

durability/reparability) are desirable, as is a discreet while accessible operating base, low noise signature and unobtrusive profile. Maintenance, daily emergency and routine schedules should include the provision and supply of spare parts.

The airframe must be able to supply adequate supply and load capacity for current (e.g. thermal imaging, high quality on board digital imagery recording, encrypted 2 way microwave down link network facility, live-time delivery of high definition visual imagery to command and control rooms, moving map system, intercom systems incorporating Tetra etc and high resolution digital still photography) technology requirements and capacity to meet future (i.e. GFE-Government Funded Equipment) demands. In addition to the aforementioned mandated requirements, the NDPB would be interested to receive information from suppliers with previous experience of operating with Government bodies and /or military security specialists, be also to supply multiple passenger capability, have 24 hour call out/around the clock pilot availability and have aircraft airborne within 30 minutes of a call out during day light and 2 hours at night. Similarly, information from potential service suppliers with regard to training that could be provided (e.g. aircrew, aerial observation etc) would be welcome.

Finally, the NDPB would also welcome information from potential suppliers with regard to any UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) technology options. Indicative costs, where possible, are also sort with regard to any such options offered. Indicative costs will not be binding with regard to any future tender exercise and the NDPB accepts that an indicative price range offered is subject to variables (e.g. volumes, period of contract etc). Such information is sought for potential budgeting purposes only.

Please note that this is a request for information only and not an undertaking to proceed to a full OJEU tender in due course, although the NDPB may do so.

Information is required by close of play on Friday 30.7.2010.

- II.4) **COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV)**
35720000, 35000000, 35613100, 35412400, 60444000, 79961200, 60424100, 60424110, 60445000, 35120000, 35613000, 71354200, 35611500
- II.5) **SCHEDULED DATE FOR START OF AWARD PROCEDURES**
11.4.2011
- II.6) **CONTRACT COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT (GPA)**
Yes
- II.7) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise.

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**
- III.1.1) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them**
N.A.
- III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**
- III.2.1) **Reserved contracts**

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- VI.1) **CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS**
No
- VI.2) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise.
- VI.3) **INFORMATION ON GENERAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

VI.4) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

16.7.2010