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ADF Combat Ration Pack Retender
Request for Tender No. LSD/RFT/23060/1



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Department of Defence

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To whom it may concern,

You are invited to submit a tender in response to Request for Tender (RFT) LSD/RFT/23060/1 to provide Combat Ration Packs and Universal Ration Packs.

The Commonwealth has a requirement for Combat Ration Packs for the Australian Defence Force, and Universal Ration Packs for both the Australian Army Cadets and also in the provision of humanitarian assistance.

The successful contractor will be required to develop Combat Ration Packs, Universal Ration Packs, and ancillary items that meet Commonwealth requirements. On completion of development, the contractor will supply annual orders of these products to the Commonwealth. The contractor will also be required to conduct ongoing product improvement work throughout the contract term.

The proposed contract will be for an initial term of eight years, with two options for extension for four years (permitting a total possible extension period of eight years).

This RFT has been prepared utilising the ASDEFCON (Support Short) template, with material amendments to the template identified in the Matrix of Changes at Attachment A to this letter. While all care is taken by the Commonwealth in preparing Attachment A to this letter, it is a summation and therefore may not be complete and accurate. You should not exclusively rely on Annex A to identify template changes in this RFT and should exercise independent skill and judgement in reading and understanding this RFT and in preparing your tender.

Tenders are to be submitted by the Tender Closing Time specified in the Tender Details Schedule in the conditions of tender. Any questions in relation to this RFT are to be directed to the Contact Officer specified in the Tender Details Schedule in the conditions of tender.

Subject to the conditions of tender, the proposed schedule for evaluation, negotiation and execution of contract is:

Request documentation released to tenderers	31 Mar 2022
Closing date for tenders	30 June 2022
Contract negotiation commences	Oct 2022

Respondents should note that the above schedule is subject to change at any time and is not to be relied on by tenderers as final and definitive.

A public interest certificate under the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018* (Cth) covering this procurement is in force.

Yours sincerely

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28 March 2022

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Attachments:

- A. Matrix of Changes
- B. Public Interest Certificate

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MATRIX OF CHANGES

Part and Title	Details of Change
Part 1 – Conditions of Tender	<p>Changes made to this document to reflect the scope of this procurement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion at Clause 1.10 of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification requirements • Insertion at Clause 1.11 of facility requirements • Insertion at Clause 1.12 of a requirement for a Retort Vessel • Removal of Essential Requirements at Clause 3.4
Part 1 – Annexes to the Conditions of Tender	<p>Changes made to this document to reflect the scope of this procurement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Economic Benefit to the Australian Economy at TDR C-7, as this has been incorporated into the Australian Industry Capability Planning and Business Case at TDR G-1 • Removal of Performance Assessment and Performance Payments at TDR D-7 • Insertion at TDR D-8 of a Financial Model to indicate proposed pricing for products. The proposed pricing provided at this TDR is not the final pricing and will not be entered into the Contract; it is provided to facilitate tender evaluation and contract negotiation • Insertion at TDR D-9 of Australian Contract Expenditure, in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Insertion at TDR D-10 of Alternate and Additional Deeming Rates, in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Removal of Past Performance at TDR E-1 • Removal of Problematic Substances and Problematic Sources at TDR E-4 • Removal of Defence Industry Security Program Physical and Information / Cyber Security Requirement at TDR E-5 • Removal of Description of Proposed Support System at TDR F-1 • Insertion at TDR F-2 of HACCP Certifications • Insertion at TDR F-3 of Facilities • Insertion at TDR F-4 of Retort Vessel • Insertion at TDR F-5 of Plan for Development of Products • Insertion at TDR F-6 of Development Schedule • Insertion at TDR G-1 of Australian Industry Capability Planning and Business Case, in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Insertion at TDR G-3 of Australian Contract Expenditure, in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Insertion at TDR G-5 of Australian Industry Capability (AIC) Past Performance, in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime

Part and Title	Details of Change
Part 2 – Conditions of Contract	<p>Changes made to this document to reflect the scope of this procurement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Operative Date requirements at Clause 1.5 • Insertion at Clause 1.9 of Periodic Cost Reviews • Insertion at Clause 3.2 of Contracted Requirement • Removal of Key Persons and Personnel requirements at Clause 3.9 • Removal of Task-Priced Services requirements at Clause 3.10 • Insertion at Clause 3.13 of Pre-Authorised Ad Hoc Services • Insertion at Clause 3.14 of agreement regarding Non-exclusivity of the Contract • Replacement of Australian Industry Capability provisions at Clause 4 in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Removal of Performance Shortfall provisions at Clause 6.3 • Removal of Performance Relief provisions at Clause 6.4 • Insertion at Clause 6.8 of Food Safety requirements • Insertion at Clause 6.9 of Facilities requirements • Insertion at Clause 7.14 of Australian Contract Expenditure requirements in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime
Part 2 – Attachments to the Conditions of Contract	<p>Changes made to this document to reflect the scope of this procurement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment B; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Annex B, Task-Priced Services • Removal of Annex E, Performance Assessment and Performance Payments • Insertion of Annex F, Mobilisation Payment • Insertion of Annex G, Price and Delivery Schedule • Insertion of Annex H, Australian Contract Expenditure. in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime • Removal of Attachment H, Security Classification and Categorisation Guide • Removal of Attachment J, Product Restrictions Schedule • Replacement of Australian Industry Capability provisions at Attachment K in accordance with the updated Australian Industry Capability regime
Part 3 - Statement of Work and Annexes	<p>Extensive changes have been made to these documents to reflect the scope of this procurement</p>

Public Interest Certificate

Date: ²⁵ March 2022

This certificate is issued under section 22(1) of the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018*.

I, a delegate of the accountable authority for the Department of Defence, confirm that it is not in the public interest for the procurement specified in this certificate to be suspended while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of the Act are being considered, or complaints under section 18 of the Act are being investigated.

Description of goods or services being procured	<p>Approach to Market LSD/RFT/23060/1 will involve the procurement of a range of ration packs and ancillaries to sustain the Australian Defence Force and Australian Army Cadet personnel.</p> <p>The Commonwealth requires a Contractor who will perform all activities necessary to provide the full range of ration packs, including design and development, product sourcing, assurance testing, packaging and distribution, and ongoing product development and improvement.</p>
AusTender ID(s)	<p>ATM ID: LSD/RFT/23060/1 AusTender Industry Notice: CASG\IPP\23060 CN ID: TBC</p>
Procuring Entity	<p>Department of Defence</p>
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