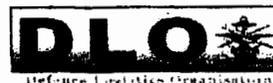


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Our Reference: DCGOPS4/4317

Date: 08 May 2006

Dear Sirs,

**TENDER DCGOPS4/4317 - THE SUPPLY OF COMPONENTS & PACKING OF THE 10
MAN OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS (ORP) FOR THE UK ARMED FORCES -**

1. Thank you for your tender dated 15 November 2005 for the supply of Components and Packing of the 10 Man Operational Ration Pack (ORP) for the UK Armed Forces. The Department has given your tender careful consideration but regrets to inform you that, on this occasion, you have been unsuccessful.

2. You are hereby informed of the Authority's intention to award the resultant contract to Purple Foodservice Solutions Ltd (the 'Winner'). As a public contracting Authority, the Department is obliged in certain cases to allow a standstill period of 10 calendar days to elapse between the date of announcement of its decision to award the contract to the Winner and the date of entry into the contract. This applies in this case. The standstill period during which the MOD will refrain from entering into the contract with the Winner is the period of 10 calendar days from the date of this letter.

3. Under this Tender, the award of a contract for the requirement was to be made on the basis of the most economically advantageous offer.

4. You may request additional debrief information be made available to you within 10 calendar days of this letter provided such request is received by the Authority no later than 2 working days after the date of this letter. Should your request be made after this date additional debrief information will still be made available to you within 15 calendar days of receipt of a written request.

5. The Department has a policy of offering a formal debrief on requirements of this value if this can practically be arranged within the above debrief time constraints. Should you wish to avail yourself of this facility, you should contact [REDACTED] on telephone number 01225 883928 to make the necessary arrangements.



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6. May I once again thank you for the interest you have shown in tendering for the Department's requirements. Should you have any enquires regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully


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