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Contract

FSASTC/00114 - FsAST - HIGH G TRAINING AND TEST CAPABILITY

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

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Country

United Kingdom

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

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

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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

RAF Cranwell

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

- UKF30 - Lincolnshire

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

High G Human Centrifuge Training and Test Capability - service provision and equipment maintenance for 3 years + 1 year Optional extension

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

Additional CPV code(s)

- 50324200 - Preventive maintenance services

II.2) Total final value of contract(s)

II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)

Value: £10,984,833

Excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

connected with the protection of exclusive rights

The Flight Simulation and Synthetic Trainers Team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to place a new contract with Thales UK Limited (“Thales”) for the continued service provision and equipment maintenance of the High G Centrifuge in Cranwell together with the continued development of the training and test programme and safety case. The current contract has been in place for nearly 2 years and is due to expire in November 2021. The Authority intends to place a new contract with Thales for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further 12 months. The value of this new contract is estimated to be approximately £7-9 million. It is considered that this contract can be entered into by the Authority without the prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 on the basis that no economic operator aside from Thales UK is capable of meeting the Authority's requirements for technical reasons. For reasons unforeseeable by both the Authority and Thales the development of the safety case and training programme will not be at a sufficient level of maturity to enable the on-going requirement to be competed upon expiry of the current contract due to the lack of robust data which it is envisaged will be available on expiry of the current contract. Furthermore, there is only one company (Thales UK), who can provide the on-going services as they are the only ones who have the know-how and expertise to provide the continuing services. To hand the continuing development of the safety case and training programme to another provider would for interchangeability and interoperability reasons be strictly impractical as a new provider would have to repeat the vast majority of

the work already done. This would cause delay, significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for the Authority. In addition, to provide incomplete or immature data merely for the purposes of a competition, before it is at a sufficient stage of maturity risks endangering life. The Authority intends competing the on-going requirement as soon as it is practicable for it to do so

IV.2) Award criteria

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

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

of 18 November 2020

Contract notice

Notice number: [2021/S 242-639371](#) of 14 December 2021

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2020/S 228-563113](#) of 18 December 2020

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

FsASTC/00114

V.1) Date of contract award decision

29 November 2021

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

1

Number of offers received by electronic means

1

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

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V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

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Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

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