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## **The supply of Artillery & Howitzer components and Armoured Vehicle weapons systems including 105mm Light Gun Spares.**

Ministry of Defence, DSG, Defence Support Group (DSG)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

The supply of Artillery & Howitzer components and Armoured Vehicle weapons systems including 105mm Light Gun Spares.

Reference number

IRM17/2331

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35420000 - Parts of military vehicles

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Babcock Land Defence Limited, acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to negotiate a contract with BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd for the supply of Artillery & Howitzer components and Armoured Vehicle weapons systems including 105mm Light Gun Spares.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Babcock Land Defence Limited, acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to negotiate a contract with BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd for the supply of Artillery & Howitzer components and Armoured Vehicle weapons systems including 105mm Light Gun Spares. The components used are used by the British Army. It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication pursuant to Article 28(1) (e) of Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Criterion: Commercial Compliance and Price 100

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year options

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd are the original equipment manufacturer and the owner of the design drawings/information, technical specifications and technical expertise ('technical know-how') required to supply these articles. BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd has stated that it has not shared and will not share this technical know-how required to undertake manufacture with any third party (including the UK Ministry of Defence).

Without access to the drawings, information and specifications and not having the technical know-how the UK Ministry of Defence is not in a position to be able to identify the exact technical requirements for the manufacture of the articles and in the absence of this information the performance of the vehicles and/or equipment and the safety of the users of the vehicles/equipment could be at risk if these articles were not supplied by BAE GCS International Ltd. As a result, BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd is the only company with the technical know-how to be able to fulfil this requirement.

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. Babcock Land Defence Ltd is to negotiate a single source Contract with the named supplier BAE Systems, GCS International Ltd, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1AF.

Value £4.5M

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2017/S 190-390233](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

IRM17/2331

### **Title**

The supply of Artillery & Howitzer components and Armoured Vehicle weapons systems including 105mm Light Gun Spares.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

15 January 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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