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Contract

Accuracy International Combined Support Services Contract

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)

Ministry of Defence

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Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

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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

Accuracy International Combined Support Services Contract

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

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

The Authority has awarded a contract to Accuracy International Ltd for the provision of combined support, supply and repair services in respect of in-service sniper rifles. The contract will be for a 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and will enable the procurement of additional in-service rifles, if required.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35321200 - Rifles

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

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

Value: £616,666.67

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

The Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, has awarded a 5-year contract with Accuracy International Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of the in-service sniper rifles that includes a technical support service and the provision to procure additional in-service rifles, if required.

The Contract was placed using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons. This is because Accuracy International Ltd are the only economic entity with the necessary technical information, knowledge and expertise, for the rifle comprised in this contract. Accuracy International Ltd are the only economic entity with the capability necessary to provide the required technical support to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification and maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the weapons.

As part of the Contract, should the Authority wish to procure additional rifles during the term of the contract, the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to 16(1)(b)(i) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons will apply. A change of supplier would oblige the Authority to acquire rifles having different technical characteristics that will result in incompatibility with existing in-service rifles and disproportionate technical difficulties and increased time and cost in the maintenance of the existing weapons incurred by the Authority associated with introducing new rifles and spares into the Authority's supply chain and inventory. A change of supplier would affect the safety and operational performance of the rifle. Any rifles provided by

another economic entity would require new testing, verification and validation to ensure that the safety and suitability for service of the weapon and operational performance and effectiveness is not compromised, and that the Safety Case for the weapon is not invalidated. In addition, an alternative supplier would not be able to provide the required level of technical support services essential for the Authority to safeguard operational use of the rifle. This would also lead to additional configuration control measures and generate additional training measures to mitigate any potential safety incidents from users.

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

Lowest price

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

701553541

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

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2021/S 000-015149](#) of 1 July 2021

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

701553541

V.1) Date of contract award decision

20 December 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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Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £616,666.67

Excluding VAT

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: No

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

VI.3) Procedures for appeal

VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.3.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

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