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Viking Combined Support Contract

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Viking Combined Support Contract

Reference number

701499375

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority intends to amend an enabling framework contract with Viking Arms Ltd for the provision of support services in respect of the in-service fleet of Glock weapons to include the in-service fleet of PVS-15 with the UK Armed Forces. The contract, as amended, will be for a 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and the procurement of additional in-service equipment if required.

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: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35321100 - Hand guns

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This enabling framework contract will provide a combination of support, supply and repair services for the in-service fleet of Glock weapons and in-service PVS-15 that will ensure the UK Armed Forces Commands can meet their enduring and future capability needs. This contract will include the provision of a technical support service and enable the procurement of additional in-service equipment, if required.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options will be available on the contract to procure additional in-service equipment included under the contract. There will not be an option available to extend the term of the contract.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- 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:

The Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to amend a 5-year enabling framework contract with Viking Arms Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of the in-service fleet of Glock weapons to include the in-service fleet of PVS-15; the contract will include the provision to procure additional systems if required.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

This is because Viking Arms Ltd are the exclusive UK agent for the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) for the Glock family of weapons and PVS-15, and are the only economic entity with access to the necessary knowledge, expertise, and technical information for the equipment comprised in this contract. Viking Arms Ltd are the only economic entity with the capability and access necessary to provide the required technical support to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification and maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the equipment.

As part of the enabling framework contract, should the Authority wish to procure additional equipment during the term of the contract, Viking Arms Ltd are the only supplier able to supply the current in-service equipment comprised in this contract. A change of supplier would oblige the Authority to acquire equipment with different technical characteristics that would affect the interoperability of the equipment. Having users that were trained and operating similar equipment with different characteristics would lead to an unacceptable level of safety risk, especially with the operational performance of the weapons, even if additional configuration control measures, training measures, supplementary technical documentation and user manuals were in place.

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

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

701499375

Title

Viking Combined Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 March 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

Viking Arms Limited

Summerbridge

Harrogate, North Yorkshire

HG3 4BW

Email

dan@vikingarms.com

Telephone

+44 1423780810

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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