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DM/00184 - Metal Laundry VTN

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d41f

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK - South West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

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

DM/00184 - Metal Laundry VTN

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50842000 - Repair and maintenance services of weapon systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope of this contract is:

1.1 Provision of equipment – The contractor is required to provide the necessary machinery for Paint Stripping, Degreasing and Phosphating of guns/gun parts, as part of the Metal Laundry capability at DM Gosport (GOS).

1.2 Servicing and maintenance of machines – The contractor is required to conduct routine servicing and maintenance to the machinery supplied, and to respond and resolve any breakdowns of the machinery.

1.3 Chemical Supply, testing and disposal – The contractor is required to supply the necessary chemicals to allow for the paint stripping, degreasing and phosphating of gun/gun parts. The contractor is also responsible for regular testing of the chemicals being used in these processes and machines, and disposal of chemicals as required.

It is proposed to place Single Source Contract with Metal Wash Ltd using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice which is allowable under DSPCR 2011 Section 16(a)(ii) when, for technical reasons the contract may be awarded only to a particular economic operator.

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: £960,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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1.4 Contract Duration – This contract will be for a duration of 5 years

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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:

Defence Munitions (DM), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a new single source contract (DM/00184) with Metal Wash Ltd, for a period of 5 years to provide equipment hire and chemical supply to support the end-to-end process for the Metal Laundry capability at DM Gosport.

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 this contract can be placed with Metal Wash Ltd using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice under Regulation 16(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulation 2011 for technical reasons. Plant hire and maintenance and Chemical supply testing and disposal can only be placed with Metal Wash Ltd for the following reasons:

1. Metal Wash Ltd are the only known supplier to be able to provide Plant Hire of the Paint Stripping, Degreasing and Manganese Phosphating machines as an end-to-end capability within the Metal Laundry. Metal Wash Ltd -is the only supplier who has the technical know-how to ensure a standardised technical approach across the entire process, ensuring that each machine is integrated and compatible with one another and the DM estate as well as the technical knowledge to ensure the safe operation of each piece of equipment within

the capability.

2. Specific processes, machinery and chemicals are required as part of the Metal Laundry capability as depicted in the Technical Documents (Ref: MEPP 001, ASEP 022-A-209-013). Metal Wash Ltd are the only known supplier able to provide a Manganese Phosphating machine for Plant Hire, and the only supplier to have the fit for scale machinery required to fit the specifications of all current weapon types.

3. Metal Wash Ltd are the only known company able to supply both the machines and the specific chemicals required. The use of Grade 1 Manganese Phosphate is prescribed within Technical Document (Ref: MEPP 001, ASEP 022-A-209-013) and no other chemicals are acceptable for use in these processes. Metal Wash Ltd is the only supplier who has the technical expertise to provide assurance to the Authority that the Chemicals supplied are Safety compliant, are correct for the equipment, can be disposed of safely, and will achieve the desired outcomes.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 January 2025

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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Internet address

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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: £960,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

DSP Defence Opportunity Listing VTN

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/7591834701946EA8B3D0>

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=59317>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom