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Award

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Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.mod.gov.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

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Reference number

706392450-ARILLS 2-VTN

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Assault Rifle In-Line Low Light Sight 2

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: £150,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Dismounted Close Combat project team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a seven-year Framework Agreement with Qioptiq Limited for the continued procurement of the TALON Fused Weapon Sight – Image Intensifier / Thermal Imager under the Assault Rifle In-Line Low Light Sight (ARILLS) capability.

All future purchases will be subject to financial approval on a case-by-case basis.

There will be no initial quantity from the outset. However, there is an estimated TFR of 10,000 TALON systems over the life of the framework, estimated at £150m ex VAT.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above

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:

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI No.2019/697) this procurement shall be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 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 using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) and is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR for technical reasons.

This is due to strict technical impracticality for any other economic operator other than Qioptiq to achieve the same technical requirements/output performance provided by the TALON system that offers a fused dual-channel sight and the interoperability, compatibility and commonality purposes that is required with the current TALON fleet as part of the ARILLS requirement. Qioptiq are the only economic operator that has the necessary know-how/access to information to manufacture and provide the TALON system, to meet the Authority's requirement.

Qioptiq is the only economic operator that can meet the Authority's requirement to provide the TALON Fused Weapon Sight – Image Intensifier / Thermal Imager, for the assault rifle weapon system, that meets the Authority's bespoke needs.

The Authority's critical technical capabilities as part of the ARILLS requirement can only be met by this unique TALON system, and the requirement therefore cannot be met by another economic operator.

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

706392450

Title

Assault Rifle In-Line Low Light Sight 2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 January 2023

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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NUTS code

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £150,000,000

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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Bristol

Country

United Kingdom