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Interim Support for the Crowsnest Modification to the Merlin Mk2

Merlin DELivery Team

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKK23 - Somerset

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Main address

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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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £7,900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Explanation:

The Merlin Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("the Authority"), intends to place a 12 month contract with rolling 3 monthly extensions for up to a further 12 months as options, for the Interim In Service Support (Spares Availability, Technical Query Support and Repair & Overhaul of Crowsnest Assets) to the Merlin Mk2 Crowsnest system to provide enhanced support to the initial RN deployment of Crowsnest and reflects the risks associated with the on going development activity of the Crowsnest Mission system. Lockheed Martin UK Ltd as the Co-Ordinating Design Organisation and Systems Integrator for the Merlin Mk2 are uniquely placed to manage the complexity of this requirement and its dependencies on the Lockheed Martin D & M contract. The estimated value of the proposed contract is £7.9M (VAT Ex). It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) on the basis that this contract may only be awarded to Lockheed Martin UK Ltd for technical reasons. Lockheed Martin UK Ltd, as the Merlin Mk2 Systems Integrator are the only economic operator with the detailed specific know how, tools and means to deliver the requirement particularly given consideration of the on going development activity that the Crowsnest D & M contract, placed with Lockheed Martin UK Ltd. Furthermore, there is a requirement for the design organisation to be involved in providing as assured and continued airworthiness product for RN use prior to completion and delivery of the full Crowsnest capability.

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

28 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

Lockheed Martin UK Ltd

Building 7000 Langstone Technology Park

Havant

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £7,900,000 / Highest offer: £7,900,001 taken into consideration

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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