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Contract

Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c154

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.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

Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

Reference number

713223457

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Award of contract for Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

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: £128,400

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Award of contract for Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 5 year contract with a value of £128,600 to Imes International Ltd for the provision of training to Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) personnel in use of the Lifting Equipment Safety Management System (LESMS). In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because IMES are the manufacturers of the LESMS and the only supplier with the technical knowledge and understanding to train the RFA in the effective use of the system. This training is crucial in the effective operation of the Lifting Equipment Safety Management System. There are no other suppliers who are able to produce and deliver the required training in the use of the LESMS as IMES do not allow any other company to provide this and failure to procure would jeopardize safe operation and maintenance of this system across all RFA vessels.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

713223457

Title

Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

IMES International Ltd

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £128,400

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom