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Contract

BPMS Mk1 Update

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04341b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main 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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35322300 - Towed artillery

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Battery Powered Management System (BPMS) is fitted on the Light Gun L118 and provides power to the Automatic Pointing System (APS). The current BPMS are obsolete and this contract will update the systems so they are fit for purpose.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

In accordance with regulation 6 of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSCPR) 2011, this procurement falls within the remit of the DSCPR 2011. The Authority considers this contract can be awarded under Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) technical reasons which applies when, for technical reasons, or for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, the contract may be awarded only to a particular economic operator; and regulation 16(1)(a)(iv) extreme urgency which applies when (but only if it is strictly necessary) for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by, and not attributable to the contracting authority the time limits specified in regulation 17 for the restricted procedure or regulation 18 for the negotiated procedure.

Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) technical reasons

The batteries contain significant quantities of Lithium-Ion cells and therefore must be handled very carefully and with a full knowledge and understanding of the design. The incumbent supplier already has capability of these batteries without the additional need or cost of safety testing, minimising the time delay when conducting acceptance testing relating to safety. They are also able to address the safety issues caused by the obsolescence of existing cells as these will be managed in accordance with their quality management procedures. By continuing with Lincad, the safety case will remain valid.

In addition, we do not have the right to give the background IPR to a 3rd party and this could lead to technical difficulties as well as a risk to safety. There is a lack of design information available to a 3rd party. There could be significant risk to the integrity and the current safety case would become invalid.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 January 2024

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

Lincad Ltd

Aldershot

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: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Equipment & Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom