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701633452 - CHC/646 COBRA Bottle Reconditioning

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0310d8

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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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

701633452 - CHC/646 COBRA Bottle Reconditioning

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The requirement is for the reconditioning of COBRA Fire Extinguisher Bottles which have exceeded their ten-year life span, to support the Cobra Ballistic Fuel Tank Fire Suppression system and sustain the operational capability.

The Secretary of State for Defence (the 'Authority') intends to enter into a contract with AMETEK Aerospace and Defense ('AMETEK') for the reconditioning of COBRA Fire Extinguisher bottles to support the COBRA Ballistic Fuel Tank Fire Suppression System, onboard the UK Chinook Fleet

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: £400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

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

II.2.14) Additional information

DEFCON 658 (SC1) (Edn 09/21) – Cyber

Note: Further to DEFCON 658 the Cyber Risk Profile of the Contract is 'Very Low', as defined in Def Stan 05-138.

The Risk Assessment Reference (RAR) allocated by Octavian is: RAR66695623

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without 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:

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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 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 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 due to technical reasons.

AMETEK are the original equipment manufacturers and Design Authority of the COBRA Fire Extinguisher Bottles on the UK Chinook aircraft. As such, the reconditioning of these bottles can only be carried out by AMETEK as AMETEK exclusively holds the relevant skills, technical data, proprietary information (including drawing and design information) and know-how that are needed to meet the requirement. AMETEK previously confirmed that it is not prepared to share or license the use of that proprietary information outside of the Company and the UK Ministry of Defence does not have a right to obtain the necessary documentation from AMETEK. The aforementioned skills, technical data, drawing and design information are necessary for the performance of the requirement. Furthermore, only AMETEK holds the level of certification (under the Authority's Maintenance Approved Organisation (MAOS) Schemes) necessary to carry out the

activities that are required in order to meet the Military Aviation Authority's Regulatory Articles applicable to the Equipment. It is not possible for another company to obtain the relevant level of certification without access to the skills, knowledge and technical information that only AMETEK hold.

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 2022

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

AMATEK Aerospace and Defense

Sunbury on Thames

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £400,000

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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