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UKAEA - RAI Co - Procurement of Additional SPOT Robots for new use cases

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

N/A

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Fusion Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

JNCA/PJP017/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of additional SPOT Robots for the RAICo Programme

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: £841,383.60

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of 4 additional SPOT Robots which are required by the RAICo Programme in order to conduct further research into the efficacy of quadruped robots for use in Nuclear Decommissioning

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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:

RACE / RAICo have purchased SPOT robots previously after evaluating the market and establishing that they were the best in class quadruped robots. These have been equipped with custom payloads that are being used extensively by RACE. They have also developed the digital interface and standards to allow its application in Nuclear Decommissioning.

The RAICo programme requires additional 4 devices to facilitate further development and demonstration of their capability across a number of NDA sites that have been requested by the NDA. These will utilise custom SPOT developments created by RAICo and RACE.

The rationale for acquiring the same robot is to ensure the technology and expertise we have developed for the robots to be interchangeable allowing for more synergy in our capability.

Createc are the sole authorised supplier of Spot Quadruped Robots in the United Kingdom.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

Contract not awarded yet

Title

Supply of 4 Boston Dynamics SPOT Robots

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2024

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

Createc Ltd

Unit 4 Derwent Mills Commercial Park

Cockermouth

CA130HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

National registration number

7293648

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: £841,383

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £841,383

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

VI.4.2)Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the authority before a contract is entered into applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request. Additional debriefing and that information have to be provided within a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be sought from the contact named in this notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Any such action must be brought promptly.

(generally within 3 months).

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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