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Immersive Workspace

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0312a5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Porton Down

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Immersive Workspace

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212500 - Communication and multimedia software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Additional purchase of immersive workspace.

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: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a supply contract with Igloo Vision Ltd for the purchase of additional immersive workspace units ("units"). 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 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.

The Secretary of State for Defence considers 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(5)(b) of the PCR 2015. This is because the Secretary of State for Defence has previously purchased an immersive workspace unit from Igloo Vision Ltd and it is intended that the new units will be used in addition to the existing unit and that a change of supplier would oblige the Secretary of State for Defence to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

Dstl already have an immersive workspace from Igloo Vision Ltd and now have a requirement to expand upon this to improve overall capability. A change of supplier would result in an incompatibility with the existing immersive workspace which in turn would cause disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance of the systems. This procurement strategy will ensure that there is interoperability between the existing system and the new system, reducing technical difficulties, obviating the need for work to be duplicated for different systems, reducing the training needed for staff to use the equipment, and the enabling the consolidation of servicing and maintenance of the systems.

The total estimated value of this procurement is £300,000 to £330,000.

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 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
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

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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

26 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

Igloo Vision Ltd

Craven Arms

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £300,000

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

Dstl

Porton Down

Country

United Kingdom