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Global Asset Management (GAM)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Global Asset Management (GAM)

Reference number

713427452

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72512000 - Document management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is for the provision of a UK capability for import, export, customs compliance, and trade control compliance as part of the F-35 Lightning II Global Asset Management (GAM) solution.

Specifically, Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) has a requirement for an industry-operated Public Customs Bonded Warehouse located at Royal Air Force Marham, Norfolk, to hold materiel for F-35 Lightning II in customs suspension.

The Customs Bonded Warehouse (CBW) workstream requires the Contractor to hold a CBW authorisation for a warehouse at RAF Marham under the supplier's own Economic Operator Registration Identity (EORI), duty management and record-keeping for the inventory, coordination with nominated depositors and removers and coordination with existing contractors providing physical warehouse management.

The Import/Export workstream requires the Contractor to act as the declarant for customs movements of F-35 materiel into, out of, and within the UK for the UK MOD. In addition to import/export per se (i.e. where the goods cross the geographical UK border) this workstream includes in its scope internal customs procedures such as Inward Processing, discharge to aircraft, Military End Use. This workstream also requires the Contractor (as the Declarant) to manage compliance with relevant UK and international export controls and trade compliance regimes.

It is proposed to place Single Source Contract with Lockheed Martin UK Aeronautics using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice which is allowable under DSPCR 2011 Section 16(a)(ii) when, for technical reasons the contract may be awarded only to a particular economic operator.

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk

Main site or place of performance

RAF Marham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

F-35 Lightning is a fifth generation multi role combat air system, developed and operated by an international partnership involving the USA, UK, and other Participant Nations. The global F-35 enterprise is coordinated through the Joint Program Office (JPO) in Washington, D.C. The JPO is a part of the US Department of Defence (DOD).

The global F-35 enterprise has a common pool of spare parts and consumables (the Joint Spares Pool, or JSP), the storage, transportation, and issue to Participants for which is coordinated by the JPO to balance supply and demand across the enterprise. This system is referred to as Global Asset Management (GAM).

Due to changes in the current US contracting for GAM, the UK is now required to establish its own Importer and Exporter of Record arrangements. Therefore, this procurement is for the provision of a UK capability for import, export, customs compliance, and trade control compliance as part of the F-35 Lightning II GAM UK Solution.

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Additional 3 month or 1 year option

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:

The UK Ministry of Defence intends to place a new single source contract with Lockheed Martin UK Aeronautics, for a period of 2 years to provide UK Global Asset Management (GAM) for the F-35.

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 this contract can be placed with Lockheed Martin UK Aeronautics using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice under Regulation 16(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulation 2011 for technical reasons – 88 (a) Strict technical impracticality for a supplier other than the chosen supplier to achieve the required goals. UK GAM can only be placed with Lockheed Martin UK Aeronautics for the following reasons:

Successful delivery of the IOR/EOR service is dependent upon information passing from LM as OEM in addition to that provided by US DoD in order to complete customs declarations. Some of information held by LM is proprietary and it would be impractical for another company to deliver the services without access to this information, so competition would not be viable.

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

Contract No

713427452

Title

Global Asset Management UK Solution

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 January 2025

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

Lockheed Martin UK Aeronautics

Building 7000, Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road

Havant, Hants

PO913W

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ35 - South Hampshire

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: £5,000,000

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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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