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SPARES PROVISION, REPAIR (SPARES INCLUSIVE) AND AD HOC POST DESIGN SERVICES (PDS) FOR FIRE DETECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION, INFLATION AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT AND NBC MANIFOLD ASSEMBLIES

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/contact-us/>

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

- 35641000 - Structure and mechanical spare parts for military aerospace equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £5,468,833

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 50211300 - Reconditioning services of aircraft

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- FR - France

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

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:

The Air Commodities Delivery Team (ACDT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to place a new 4-year Contract with L'Hotellier for the provision of Spares, Repairs and Post Design Services (PDS) for aircraft fire-fighting equipment, life raft inflation equipment and inertia switches used aboard 15 different Royal Air Force (RAF) platforms. The estimated Contract start date is 1st April 2022 and the estimated Contract value is £6.715M (Inc. VAT).

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 Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 for the technical reasons set out below.

L'Hotellier possess the original design rights for the majority of the equipment, much of which is only supplied or licensed by L'Hotellier. L'Hotellier is the only company with the experience, product knowledge and historical data to undertake the PDS activities and it is not considered possible for another economic operator to become sufficiently qualified, within the necessary timeframe, to undertake PDS investigations and fault investigations without incurring an unacceptable level of risk. This would result in the Authority being unable to fulfil its safety obligations to ensure safe operation of the associated platforms and aircraft systems within an airworthy environment. To consider another supplier to meet this requirement would potentially create Aircraft on Ground (AOG) scenarios across the 15 aircraft platforms that rely upon this equipment.

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

25 June 2021

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

L'Hotellier

Paris

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

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: £5,468,833

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

Air Commodities Delivery Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom