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## **Stabilised Weapon System**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a4d2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Region code**

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Stabilised Weapon System

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Procurement and Support of a Stabilised Weapon System.

#### **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: £20,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 50840000 - Repair and maintenance services of weapons and weapon systems

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- US - United States

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Dismounted Close Combat Programme Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a contract with Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Limited, the sole UK agent for AIMLOCK USA which is the manufacturer for the capability to undertake baseline trials by the OEM to support the procurement decision by the Authority for the supply and support

of a stabilised weapon system that meets the following Key requirements.

1. Shoulder fired stabilised system.
2. Man Portable.
3. Walk on walk off.
4. No adaptation of host platform.
5. AR15 Compatible
6. No mechanical interruption of shot release, direct release of shot through User action.

#### **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**

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a subcontractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named.

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## 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
- 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:

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI No.2019/697) this procurement shall be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 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 using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) and is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR for technical reasons.

Following the responses to an RFI published 7 November 2022 and closed 30 November 2022 under procurement reference: 705780450 to determine if there are alternative solutions available in the market, AIMLOCK USA represented by their sole UK Agent Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Limited remained the only company that has a viable solution available that could potentially meet the Authority's technical requirements.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

705780450

### **Title**

Stabilised Weapon System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

10 February 2023

#### **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**

Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Limited

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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: £20,000,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom