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Award

ISTEC Combined Support Contract

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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Main address

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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

ISTEC Combined Support Contract

Reference number

700987375

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority intends to award a contract to ISTEC Services Ltd for the provision of support services in respect of weapon and sight mount systems. The contract will be for

5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and the procurement of additional in-service systems if required.

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: £1,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority intends to place a Combined Support Enabling Contract to support the in-service fleet of weapon and sight mount systems, in order to ensure they can meet their enduring and future capability needs across the UK Armed Forces Commands.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options will be available on the contract to procure additional in-service mount systems. There will not be an option available to extend the term of the contract.

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 Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a 5-year contract with ISTECH Services Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of in-service weapon and sight mount systems with the provision to procure additional systems if required.

It is considered that this Contract will be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) and 16(1)(b)(i) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons. This is because ISTECH Services Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) and are the only economic entity with the necessary technical data, knowledge and expertise, and proprietary documentation maintained by the DA necessary to provide the required technical support and undertake any Post Design Services to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification and maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the in-service mount systems.

Without access to the proprietary documentation, technical drawings, tooling and test equipment, specific manufacturing processes and knowledge and expertise, any goods or services provided by another entity would require new testing, new verification and validation to ensure that the safety and suitability for service of the systems, operational performance and effectiveness, and the interoperability with other weapons and platforms is not compromised and that the Safety Case for the system is not invalidated. A change of supplier would also oblige the Authority to acquire goods having different technical characteristics, resulting in incompatibility between the existing platforms and weapons, affecting the support, technical publications and documentation, training, and logistics of a multiple platform fleet from that already provided and currently in-service. There would also be disproportionate cost, time and technical difficulties incurred to the Authority

associated with introducing new items into the Authority's supply chain and inventory.

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

700987375

Title

ISTEC Combined Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 March 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

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,000,000

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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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