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Award

Edgar Brothers Combined Support Services Contract

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031813

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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

Edgar Brothers Combined Support Services Contract

Reference number

702630460

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 single-source framework arrangement contract to Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd for the provision of combined support, supply and repair services in respect of their supplied in-service rifles and spares used by the UK Armed Forces Commands Soldiers. These weapons include: the Low Signature Assault Weapon variants, Cadet Small Bore Target Rifle, and the Long Range Precision Anti-Structure Rifle variants. The contract will be for a 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support and repair/maintenance service and will enable the procurement of additional in-service rifles, 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: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35321000 - Light firearms

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract will provide a combination of support, supply and repair services for the Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd supplied in-service fleet of rifles and spares, that will ensure the UK Armed Forces Commands can meet their enduring and future capability needs. This contract will include the provision of a technical support and repair/maintenance service and enable the procurement of additional in-service rifles and spares, if required.

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 rifles. 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 single-source framework arrangement contract with Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair for the Edgar Brothers supplied in-service rifles and spares that includes a technical support and repair/maintenance service and the provision to procure additional in-service rifles and spares, if required.

It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

This is because Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd are the exclusive UK Agent for the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) for the in-service weapons and spares and are the only economic entity with access to the necessary technical information, knowledge and expertise, for the rifles and spares comprised in this contract. Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd are the only economic entity with the capability and access necessary to provide the required technical support for the rifles to ensure they comply with the Authority's specification and maintain the operational performance and effectiveness of the weapons systems.

As part of the Contract, should the Authority wish to procure additional rifles or spares during the term of the contract, Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd is the only supplier able to supply the current in-service rifles or spares. A change of supplier would oblige the Authority to acquire different rifles and/or spares with different technical characteristics that would affect the interoperability of the rifles. Having users that were trained and operating similar weapons with different characteristics would lead to an unacceptable level of safety risk with the operational performance of the rifles, even if additional configuration control measures, training measures, supplementary technical documentation and user manuals were in place.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

702630460

Title

Edgar Brothers Combined Support Services Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 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

Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Limited

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Macclesfield, Cheshire

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United Kingdom

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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: £2,000,000

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

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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