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## **Viking Combined Support Contract**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**Internet address(es)**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Viking Combined Support Contract

Reference number

701499375

#### **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 an enabling contract to Viking Arms Ltd for the provision of support services in respect of the in-service fleet of Glock weapons and supporting ancillaries with the UK Armed Forces. The contract will be for a 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and the procurement of additional in-service weapons 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: £4,000,000

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

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

- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

#### **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 Glock weapons and supporting ancillaries, 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 weapons and ancillaries. 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

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## **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 enabling contract with Viking Arms Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of the in-service fleet of Glock weapons and supporting ancillaries 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 the chosen supplier is the sole UK agent for the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) for the Glock family of weapons and are the only economic entity with the necessary technical data, knowledge and expertise, and proprietary documentation maintained by the DA. These are all fundamental in order to provide the required technical support, assure any repairs, and undertake any Post Design Services to underwrite any changes or modifications in compliance with the OEM quality assurance controls and measures that maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the weapons.

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 weapons, 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, user 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

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

### **Contract No**

701499375

### **Title**

Viking Combined Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 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**

Viking Arms Limited

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North Yorkshire

HG3 4BW

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[dan@vikingarms.com](mailto:dan@vikingarms.com)

Telephone

+44 1423780810

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

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: £4,000,000

**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

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