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TACTICAL WEAPONISED UGV CAPABILITY

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031917

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/jhub-defence-innovation>

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

TACTICAL WEAPONISED UGV CAPABILITY

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35412400 - Reconnaissance and patrol vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is for two Ghost Robotics Corporation V60 Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV) and a 2-year warranty package.

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: £460,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement is for two Ghost Robotics Corporation V60 Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV) and a 2-year warranty package.

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:

UK Strategic Command (UKStratCom), part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), “The Authority”, intends to award a 1-month contract with a value of £550k (ex VAT) to Edgar Brothers for the provision of two Ghost Robotics Corporation V60 Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV) and a 2-year warranty package.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

The Ghost Robotics Corporation V60 UGV is the only weaponisable solution currently in the market able to fulfil the Authority’s requirements. The system has the endurance and resilience capacity to onboard current and future systems for defence users. The V60 system can support up to 10kg payload, with a modular capability that allows a variety of existing specialist equipment to be stored and transported. The V60’s underlying proprietary electronics, software stack, and control system for complex actuated systems are the only suitable platform available to the market that will effectively support stable and assured weaponisation. Edgar Brothers have a unique position with Ghost Robotics Corporation as their exclusive reseller to the UK market, and as such they have been chosen as the Supplier for this contract.

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

703069450

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 February 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

Edgar Brothers

Unit 1-3 Heather Close

Macclesfield

SK11 0LR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £460,000

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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