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## **Notice: Provision of in-service support for Chemical Sense Training Equipment (CSTE) VTN**

Ministry of Defence

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Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-004734

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03191a

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Yew 3a, MOD Abbeywood

Bristol

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#### **Email**

[ross.sinfield100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ross.sinfield100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

#### **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**

Notice: Provision of in-service support for Chemical Sense Training Equipment (CSTE)  
VTN

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

- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials

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

Services

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

Main Place of Performance or Delivery: UK

Short description of the contract or purchase(s): The Chemical, Biological, Radiation and Nuclear (CBRN) Delivery Team (DT) (the contracting Authority) are equipment sponsors for chemical, biological and radiological agent detection, monitoring, identification and sample collection equipment used by UK Government.

The Authority has a requirement for a supplier to provide support for its range of Chemical Warfare Agent Detection and Monitoring Training Equipment.

The equipment requiring support was designed, manufactured and supplied by Argon Electronics (UK) Ltd. under a previous contract and comprises simulant versions of

Smiths Detection LCAD, LCD3.2, LCD3.3, MCAD and CAM, and Proengin AP4C/S4PE, along with all necessary ancillary items, which fully replicate the functions of the operational instruments without requiring the use of any chemical weapon simulants.

Also to be supported is PlumeSIM and ADM-300-SIM, field and table-top exercise simulation equipment, both hardware and software, which was supplied by Argon Electronics (UK) Ltd. under a previous contract. The contract requirements will include survey, report, repair and replacement of damaged or faulty equipment, disposal of equipment deemed Beyond Economic Repair (BER), the provision of spares and consumable items, training support, regular update of safety and environmental case reports, configuration and obsolescence management and planning and update of service technical publications (AESP).

The original competitive notice was issued 13/09/2021 and only the incumbent (Argon Electronics (UK) Ltd) submitted a Tender. Due to the failed competition the Authority is converting to Regulation 16(a)(i) (Single Source in the absence of Tenders) and this notice is being published for transparency purposes.

Please note the contract has not yet been let

#### **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: £300,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional contract extension for 1 year

#### **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

- 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

Explanation:

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#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 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**

Argon Electronics Ltd

16 Ribocon Way, Progress Business Park

Luton

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £450,000

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#### **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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