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In-Service Support of the Antenna Outfit AZL

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/submarine-delivery-agency>

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**

In-Service Support of the Antenna Outfit AZL

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Antenna Outfit AZL Project Team, part of the Combat Systems Delivery Team (CSDT)

within the Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA) proposes to raise a new contract for the In-Service Support of the Antenna Outfit AZL with MSI Defence Ltd.

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: £2,651,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

- 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
- 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 Antenna Outfit AZL Project Team, part of the Combat Systems Delivery Team (CSDT) within the Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA) proposes to raise a new contract for the In-Service Support of the Antenna Outfit AZL with MSI Defence Ltd. The existing contract with MSI Defence Ltd expires on the 31st March 2021 and a new contract is planned to start on the 1st April 2021. The new contract will have a 5-year duration and be will be a Qualifying Defence Contract under the Single Source Contract Regulations.

This contract will be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 on the grounds of technical reasons. MSI Defence Ltd is the only economic operator in the market able to provide the required support as it is the original designer and manufacturer of the Antenna Outfit AZL, is the Design Authority and has designed, manufactured and supported the current In-Service stock holdings since the 1970s. It is therefore considered the only economic provider that has the proprietary technical information and specification relating to this product. The technical information and specifications include:

- Engineering Drawings Packs – Over 900 drawings packs detailing dimensions, tolerances

and modification standards required during Survey and Refurbishments of the Antenna Outfit AZL.

- Testing Procedures and Test Tower Controls – Documentation and hardware required to test the Antenna Outfit AZL following Refurbishment and Repair.

On this basis, MSI Defence Ltd are the only provider that have the technical expertise to complete the necessary and in progress technological advances, performance improvements and regular fault-finding activities required under 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

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

MSI-Defence Systems Limited

Norwich

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: £2,651,000

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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