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Contract

Procurement of 70x High Mobility Truck Variant (HMTV) Platforms and Associated Support Items

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

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

Procurement of 70x High Mobility Truck Variant (HMTV) Platforms and Associated Support Items

Reference number

705131450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35410000 - Armoured military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract will procure 70x High Mobility Truck Variant (HMTV) platforms and

associated support items to mitigate shortfalls against the current fleet as well as Future Soldier structures.

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: £75,734,444

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Devonport and Dunkeswell

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract will procure 70x High Mobility Truck Variant (HMTV) platforms and associated support items to mitigate shortfalls against the current fleet as well as Future Soldier structures. The Contract includes an option to procure additional quantities of the platform, noting that there is no obligation on the Authority to invoke.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Minimum Technical Requirements met / Weighting: 45%

Quality criterion - Name: Minimum Commercial Requirements met / Weighting: 45%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 100%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract includes options for the provision of:

- Additional quantities of the HMTV platform,
- Additional Project Management services (up to 3 additional years)
- Additional Complete Equipment Schedule (CES)
- 2x Operator Training Courses
- 2x Maintainer Training Courses
- Extenda modules
- Obsolescence Management and Obsolescence Management Plan

There is no obligation on the Authority to invoke these options.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Vehicle Support Team (VST), as part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), have placed a contract with Supacat Limited for the procurement of additional HMTV platforms and associated support items such as CES and training support.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union was not appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

This is because procuring an alternative HMTV platform solution is not considered reasonable in this instance due to the significant additional technical and interoperability complexity that would be introduced, including but not limited to platform interoperability issues, including safe recovery procedures, safe transport procedures and safe integration with weapon systems, all of which are currently established for the current in-service Supacat HMTV platforms and would introduce a level of risk that is not acceptable to the Authority.

In addition, it would not meet the Authority's requirement to introduce different platforms with different support solutions when deployed on contingent operations.

Existing modifications and theatre specific role fits would not be compatible with an alternative platform without significant effort to integrate.

Increased training burden associated with a mixed fleet of platforms which would include new training material to ensure safe operation of platforms does not meet the User's requirement and set pre-deployment training activities.

Supacat Limited are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the HMTV platform(s) and they are the sole manufacturer of the HMTV vehicles and owners of the IPR. The Authority does not own or have a right to obtain or provide to third parties the proprietary information and documentation regarding these platforms. Manufacture of these platforms by a third party is not considered possible without direct OEM support and access to the proprietary information. Therefore, as the OEM, Supacat Limited are the only economic operator capable of manufacturing this capability and meeting this requirement.

This vehicle is currently deployed on multiple Operations around the world and further procurement is required to mitigate shortfalls against the current fleet as well as Future Soldier structures. As such, procurement of anything other than the HMTV model from Supacat Limited would fail to meet the Authority's requirement and would introduce a level of risk that is not acceptable to the Authority.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

705131450

Title

Procurement of 70x High Mobility Truck Variant (HMTV) Platforms and associated support items

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Supacat Limited

The Airfield, Dunkeswell

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EX14 4LF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

National registration number

01514084

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £75,734,444

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £40,004,172

Proportion: 53 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Babcock are the sub contractor (QSC). They will be undertaking the majority of the manufacturing

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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