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## **Provision of SIM Cards for British Forces Gibraltar**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Gibraltar

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

#### **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**

Provision of SIM Cards for British Forces Gibraltar

Reference number

707009451

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

- 31712112 - SIM cards

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

Supplies

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

British Forces Gibraltar requires mobile phone SIM cards for calls, text and data.

#### **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: £230,000

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

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

- 31712112 - SIM cards

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Gibraltar

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

BF Gibraltar requires approximately 100 SIM Cards with calls, texts and data to support operations. Phone numbers supplied must have the Gibraltar international dial code (+350) and retain current phone numbers.

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial contract term 3 years with additional 2 x 1 year 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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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:

British Forces Gibraltar, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to enter into a contract with Gibtelecom Ltd for the supply of approximately 100 mobile SIMS for users based in Gibraltar, including calls and data packages. The contract will be for 3 years with a further two, 1 year options and have a value of approximately £230k.

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer 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 in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

This is because Gibtelecom Ltd is the only supplier able to provide SIMS with a phone number with a Gibraltar International Dialling Code (+350), thereby allowing current numbers to be retained.

#### 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**

23 February 2023

#### **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**

Gibtelecom Ltd

Gibraltar

Country

Gibraltar

NUTS code

- UKZZZ - Extra-Regio NUTS 3

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: £230,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract commencement date is anticipated to be 1st April 2023. The contract has not been awarded.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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