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## **The Supply of C2A2 Sight Spares and Associated Items**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e3f8

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**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**

The Supply of C2A2 Sight Spares and Associated Items

Reference number

IRM24/7679

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38600000 - Optical instruments

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Ministry of Defence intends to negotiate a Contract for 3 Years Plus 2 Option Years with Hall and Watts Defence Optics Ltd for the Supply of C2A2 Sight Spares and Associated Items.

Please note, Babcock Land Defence Limited (BLDL) is acting as agent on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

CPV: 38600000 - Optical instruments

Contract name: IRM24/7679

Risk Assessment Ref: RAR-240724B02

Cyber Risk Profile: N/A

#### **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: £4,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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

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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 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 the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Hall and Watts Defence Optics Ltd is the only Contractor with significant niche expertise, technical 'know-how' and acquired specific experience to source quality spares and manage the supply chain / delivery process for this requirement. Hall and Watts Defence Optics Ltd is the manufacturer and sole distributor of spares to support the

components required to support the C2A2 Platform. They own the rights to the technical specifications required to undertake the manufacture, testing and supply and they do not share this knowledge/expertise with any third party.

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. Babcock Land Defence Limited intends to negotiate a single source Contract with the named supplier Hall and Walls Optics Ltd.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 Years plus 2 x 1 Option Years

#### **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
- 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:

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#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

IRM24/7679

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

The Supply of C2A2 Sight Spares and Associated Items

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

11 February 2025

**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**

Hall and Watts Defence Optics Ltd

Hall & Watts Defence Optics Ltd, Unit A3, Merlin Centre, Acrewood Way,

St Albans

AL4 0JY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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: £4,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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