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Contract

Troposcatter System

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029eff

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Salisbury

Email

mveale@dstl.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Troposcatter System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31711423 - Microwave radio equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Dstl Resilient Deployed Communications (RDC) project is investigating technologies and capabilities that could offer UK Defence an advantage over potential adversaries in a contested electromagnetic environment. Modern troposcatter systems offer a potential capability to address a key capability gap. Specifically, Dstl's acquisition of a state-of-the-art COTS Small-Form Factor Troposcatter System (SFFTS) will enable independent experimentation and trials in support of ongoing research.

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: £496,991.03

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

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:

It is considered that this can be justified on the basis of technical grounds pursuant to Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015). The UK MOD requirement is for a troposcatter system which:

- Meets a dismounted expeditionary forces use case
- Is one-person portable
- Is transportable via commercial flights
- Is capable of battery operation
- Operates in C-band
- Has a minimum bandwidth of 100Mbps

The COMET system is the only system available on the market which meets these specifications (both individually and in totality).

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Spectra Group (UK) Limited

Hereford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £496,991.03

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom