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## **Airborne Equipment PDS Support with Equipment and Spares**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

**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**

Airborne Equipment PDS Support with Equipment and Spares

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The C-17 Command Support and Airborne Equipment Delivery Team (C17CSAE DT) as part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) has a requirement to procure the through-life support for in-service Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE) and Airborne Delivery Equipment (ADE) parachute systems. This shall also include the procurement of capital spares, their components & ancillaries, and for technical advice.

## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £3,000,000 / Highest offer: £10,000,000 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 39523000 - Parachutes

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

NUTS codes

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire
- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire
- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

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It is intended to award a new contract up to the value of £10M with IrvinGQ Limited. It is intended this contract be let for two years with an option to extend for two separate periods of one year. A breakdown of contract value is as follows:

Contract year 1 and 2 £6M; plus

Contract option year 1 £2M; plus

Contract option year 2 £2M.

It has been determined that this contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 2011) for technical reasons due to IrvinGQ Limited being the sole Design Organisation (DO), and/or Original Equipment Manufacturer and sole distributor of items approved by the relevant system Coordinating Design Organisations, for the ADE, AFE systems. As such they are deemed by the respective Type Airworthiness Authorities (TAAs) and Engineering Authorities (EAs) to be the only Design Organisation Approval Scheme (DAOS) approved supplier that meets the Safety and Airworthiness requirements to provide and maintain the AE systems.

IrvinGQ Limited also holds the specific know-how, tools and proprietary information, in the form of the drawings setting out the design and engineering of the systems. This information is unavailable to other economic operators and the Authority does not have access to the drawing sets IrvinGQ Limited produced and uses to manufacture the equipment. Other providers would therefore be unable to replicate the systems, or items to support the systems, with certainty or provide the requisite safety assurances. It is considered that awarding a contract to any other organisation would present an unacceptable safety and airworthiness risk.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

In this contract there is two twelve (2 x 12) month 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 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

Explanation:

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#### **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**

C17CSAE/706732450

### **Title**

AE PDS Support and Spares Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

6 March 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**

IrvinGQ Limited

IrvinGQ

Llangeinor, Bridgend

CF32 8PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £3,000,000 / Highest offer: £10,000,000 taken into consideration

#### **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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