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## **The Repair of Various Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated items**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Building B15

Telford

TF2 8JT

#### **Email**

[IRMProcurementRepairTeam@babcockinternational.com](mailto:IRMProcurementRepairTeam@babcockinternational.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.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**

The Repair of Various Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated items

Reference number

IRM19/7330

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

- 50100000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services of vehicles and related equipment

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

Services

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

Babcock Land Defence Ltd, acting as the UK Ministry of Defence's agent, intends to negotiate an amendment to an existing single source contract (Ref. No. IRM19/7330) with Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) for the repair of various Line Replacement Units fitted to the Panther Platform in line with the existing Contract Terms and Conditions. The estimated value of the contract amendment is £4m.

#### **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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It is considered that this amendment to contract can be undertaken using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 for technical reasons because:

- a. RBSL are the Design Authority who have access to the design drawing/information, technical specifications and technical expertise required to repair and undertake proof testing of these articles to the acceptable specification.
- b. There are safety and quality risks associated with repairing items with no technical / repair specifications. RBSL are the only supplier who has access to this technical data to negate the safety and quality risks.
- c. Previous support for Panther was provided by RBSL under the Panther Availability Service (PAS) Contract which has since expired.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

IRM19/7330 includes 2 x 12 month option years to be exercised at the Authority's discretion.

#### **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

- 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**

IRM19/7330

**Title**

The Repair of Various Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated items

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

3 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**

Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land

Hadley Castle Works

Telford

TF1 6QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

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

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

Babcock Land Defence Limited

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TF2 8JT

Country

United Kingdom