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Launch Agreement

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03223b

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

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

Launch Agreement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a supply contract with Lockheed Martin for the provision of a UK Launch integration service agreement for the 6U cubesat Space Mission which includes launch within the 22/23 financial year. 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 (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.

Lockheed Martin are the only UK launch service provider that meet both the schedule and technical requirements. Specifically the technical solution needs to include the end to end service from launch to orbital insertion and the equipment and engineering solution necessary to achieve this with a 6U Cubesat. In addition, the launch environment and interface for the satellite must be within and conform to the Cal poly 6U CubeSat Design Specification Revision 1.0 (CP-6UCDS-1.0) and GSFC-STD-7000A.

Lockheed Martin are also the only supplier who can provide the launch integration onto this specific launch service. Specifically they are the only launch integration supplier that have access to the Launch ICD. This contains parameters such as mechanical, electrical, testing, interface and safety requirements . Therefore no other supplier could provide launch integration without this document.

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: £150,000

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

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

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

15 March 2022

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

Lockheed Martin Space

Whiteley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £150,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Science & Technology Laboratory

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom