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Trials Support to Environmental Assessment of Countermeasures bay

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.mod.uk

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

Trials Support to Environmental Assessment of Countermeasures bay

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73400000 - Research and Development services on security and defence materials

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Trials support and conducting an assessment of the environmental conditions within the countermeasures bay.

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lightning Delivery Team (LDT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Cranfield Aerospace Solutions Ltd (CAeS) to provide support to trials and update an assessment of the environmental conditions within the countermeasures bay. This will be conducted with representative instrumented rounds to produce a report on the environmental conditions.

It is considered that this requirement can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16 (1) (c) and 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011. This is an applied research contract where the Authority is conducting a trial to gain technical knowledge of the environmental conditions within the countermeasures bay. On the basis of technical grounds only CAeS have the expertise and requisite knowledge of the instrumented rounds to be used by the Authority having designed, manufactured, certified and maintained these instruments. The instrumented rounds need to be maintained to specific standards to ensure accurate data is recorded. As the OEM CAeS can provide the Authority with the assurance that the items will be safe to fly within the aircraft. Therefore, CAeS are the only economic operator who can ensure the instrumented rounds are calibrated correctly and can be released onto an aircraft thus meeting the Authority's requirement. These trials are a continuation of trials previously conducted by CAeS. The Authority requires additional data to ensure that the report produced provides sufficient information to give the Authority confidence in its understanding of the environmental conditions.

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 without a prior call for competition

- 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.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

705527452

Title

Trials Support to Environmental Assessment of Countermeasures Bay

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 January 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

Cranfield Aerospace Solutions Limited

Cranfield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

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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

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