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Purchase of Pressure Plates for RN Muscoskeletal Injury Mitigation Programme

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

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

Purchase of Pressure Plates for RN Muscoskeletal Injury Mitigation Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31711000 - Electronic supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of Pressure Plates for RN Muscoskeletal Injury Mitigation Programme

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: £162,050 / Highest offer: £162,050 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38423000 - Pressure-measuring equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract with a value of £175,000.00 to Materialise Motion, UK supplier Gait and Motion Technology Ltd to procure 2-m pressure plates. 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 (PCR 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(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015.

The Authority intends to place this contract via a negotiated procedure without prior notice because competition is absent for technical reasons. Data relating to military movements (i.e., walking, marching, and running) was captured during a pilot RM Biomechanics Programme (RMBP), using pressure plates with unique sampling rate, resolution, software capabilities and plate size. This equipment and corresponding jig system has been developed and used in partnership with a cadre of seven academic establishments, who are trained in the analysis of data produced by these systems.

There is a compatibility requirement between MOD locations, and academic partners with the risk that using a different system would result in a loss in data validity and reliability. All previous work across the RN/ RM (BRNC and CTCRM) pilot has been undertaken with this pressure plate system and therefore it is vital to the ongoing success of the study that the data produced remains consistent. Changing to an alternate system could not be achieved without trialling and qualification of systems and modification of jigs. As the Authority wishes to continue the study of MSKI at pace, it considers the uncertainty around qualifying and modifying alternate systems as a risk, with no guarantee that the equipment could be qualified within our timeframe, or that data produced would be consistent. The Authority would need to be able to build on the initial pilot data that is required to provide the calibration hub as part of the RN MMP's measurement governance and assurance and views this as an intolerable risk to data integrity and its subsequent analysis and implementation.

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 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.1.8) 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

18 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

Gait and Motion Technology Ltd

Suffolk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £161,350

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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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom