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Contract

708511450-PEDT/0041- Purchase of Katalco 51-8

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

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II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Katalco 51-8 is used to support the Gas Management Plants (GMPs) and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems (COGs) fitted to Royal Navy (RN) Submarines.

Both systems are Life preserving equipment's that have safety implications and are essential to maintaining life during operations.

Katalco 51-8 is required to Set to Work (STW), test and maintain this equipment.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 35512000 - Submarines

II.2) Total final value of contract(s)

II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)

Value: £830,169.38

Excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

2) Other justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

The Secretary of State for Defence (the “Authority”) intends to enter into a supply Contract (the “Contract”) with Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd (the Contractor) estimated to take effect on and from 30/11/2023 for a one-off purchase of 6 tonnes of Catalyst support of Gas Management Plants and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems fitted to Royal Navy Submarines. The Contract has an estimated value of £1M (inc VAT).

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical/exclusive rights reasons. It is confirmed by the supplier of the supplies, Johnson Matthey that they will only supply to the Contractor, and that therefore, competition is absent.

The Catalyst buy is required to support the current in-service equipment. This Catalyst is the only one available with the proven interoperability with the equipment and can be procured directly off the shelf from the manufacturer. It has been used for 30+ years to support Air Purification equipment. Johnson Matthey is the only supplier of the Catalyst that is tried and tested to support the Gas Management Plants and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems fitted to Royal Navy Submarines for which the Contractor is the OEM. Both systems are Life preserving equipment’s that have safety implications and are essential to maintaining life during operations.

The Contractor is the only economic operator who is able to procure this item via Johnson Matthey for use with the equipment. They have provided this for many years directly for use on in-service equipment, however the quantity required to continue support cannot be procured without a standalone Contract.

There are no other identified companies that could fulfil the supply, without unacceptably increasing the risk of the probability of single failure and impacting whole boat safety. In order to maintain the safety of the platform and personnel the Contract with Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd is essential.

Section V: Award of contract

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V.1) Date of contract award decision

7 February 2024

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

1

Number of offers received by electronic means

1

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd

Dolphin House, Williams Road,

Portsmouth

PO3 5FP

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £830,169.38

If annual or monthly value

Number of months: 1

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: Yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

Short description of the value/proportion of the contract to be sub-contracted:

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.