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The Repair, Maintenance and Modification of Various Line Replacement Units (LRUs) and Frame Electrical Layouts (FELs)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

The Repair, Maintenance and Modification of Various Line Replacement Units (LRUs) and Frame Electrical Layouts (FELs)

Reference number

IRM23/7653

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50630000 - Repair and maintenance services of military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Defence (the Authority) intends to enter into a service contract with Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) for the Repair, Maintenance and Modification of Various Line Replacement Units (LRUs) and Frame Electrical Layouts (FELs), for a period

of 7 years.

Please note, Babcock Land Defence Limited is acting as agent on behalf of the Ministry of Defence, in the first instance interested parties may contact Babcock with queries relating to this procurement.

In the first instance interested parties who have queries regarding the above procurement should contact IRMPurchaseRepairTeam@babcockinternational.com.

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: £95,840,000

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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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 reasons.

This requirement is covered under Supplier Cyber Protection; the Risk Assessment

Reference (RAR) for this requirement is 241122B03.

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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

- 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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RBSL are the Design Authority for each of the platforms listed above who own the design drawing/information, technical specifications and technical expertise required to repair and undertake proof testing of these articles to the acceptable specification.

Furthermore, the services to be provided under the contract can only be supplied by Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) because only RBSL has significant niche expertise, knowledge, and acquired specific experience in order to:

- a) Provide services where significant safety and quality risks are associated with repairing

items with which the Authority hold no technical information or repair specifications. RBSL are the only supplier who has access to the technical information or repair specifications to mitigate the safety and quality risks of the repair;

b) Undertake the repair and refurbishment which due to the interoperability requirements of the equipment; cannot be undertaken without access to the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority technical documentation, which is not available to third parties Accordingly no other party at this current time would be able to fully support this requirement; and

c) Undertake repair and maintenance activity for several specific safety critical items which RBSL are understood to have been nominated by the OEM as the only UK agent able to carry out such work.

In addition RBSL hold the proprietary data in relation to the maintenance of the FELs, including source-code and all related software. Furthermore, only RBSL has access to the technical specifications for the training aids, without which maintenance cannot be undertaken.

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that Ministry of Defence is to negotiate a single source 7 framework agreement with the named supplier and this notice is published for reasons of transparency only.

This requirement is covered under Supplier Cyber Protection; the Risk Assessment Reference (RAR) for this requirement is 241122B03.

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: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

IRM23/7653

Title

The Repair, Maintenance and Modification of Various Line Replacement Units (LRUs) and Frame Electrical Layouts (FELs)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 February 2025

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

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Telford

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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: £95,840,000

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

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