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Award 702421455 - ACDECA/017 In-Service Support for Ultrasonic NDT Equipment

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Flintshire

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-electronics-and-componentsagency

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

702421455 - ACDECA/017 In-Service Support for Ultrasonic NDT Equipment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 71632200 - Non-destructive testing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is an ongoing requirement to provide in-service support for Ultrasonic NDT Equipment

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: £190,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

There is an ongoing requirement to provide in-service support for Ultrasonic Equipment, provided to the Ministry of Defence. There is current equipment in service with the MoD and ongoing support is needed

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical 100%

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:

ACDECA/017 – In-Service Support for Ultrasonic NDT Equipment, Evident GMBH – Voluntary Transparency Notice (VTN)

The Defence Electronics & Components Agency (DECA), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Evident GMBH (formally Keymed Ltd), for the support and repair of Ultrasonic NDT Equipment. The contract shall be for a period of 3 years with an anticipated value of £190K excluding VAT. Evident GMBH are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Ultrasonic Flaw Detector (UFD) EPOCH 600, it supplies and procures the spare parts for the equipment. Evident GMBH have the expert technical knowledge required for the test, calibration and repair of the equipment.

It is considered that this contract can be placed with Evident GMBH using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice, pursuant to Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the UK Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This is based on technical reasons, as Evident GMBH are the only economic operator with the specific technical know-how, tools, documentation and means to meet this requirement.

The Evident GMBH equipment is required for MoD units to carry out inspections on, and assist with repairs, to aircraft equipment. If they are not supported, the capability to inspect aircraft equipment will be greatly reduced and potentially lost. This may lead to safety risks to the aircraft and cause Aircraft on Ground.

Evident GMBH are the OEM and subject matter experts for the EPOCH 600 UFD equipment, Design Authority and manufacturer of the equipment. Evident GMBH do not supply spares to third party companies and therefore no other supplier is able to fulfil this requirement.

Keymed Ltd are dividing their company, with Evident GMBH taking over the Ultrasonic Flaw Detector (UFD) EPOCH 600 equipment.

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

Contract No

ACDECA/017 (702421455)

Title

In-Service Support for Ultrasonic NDT Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 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

Evident GMBH

Stansted

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)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £190,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Electronics & Components Agency (DECA)

Flintshire

Country

United Kingdom