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Awarded contract

Mobile Harbour Cranes

Dover Harbour Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKJ44 - East Kent

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Main address

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I.6) Main activity

Port-related activities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mobile Harbour Cranes

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42414110 - Harbour cranes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply, test and commission 2 (two) harbour mobile cranes at the Port of Dover Refrigerated Cargo Terminal for the discharge and loading of containers, bulks and general cargo.

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: 5,681,943 EUR

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 42414100 - Cranes
- 42414110 - Harbour cranes
- 42414120 - Quayside cranes

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ44 - East Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, test and commission 2 (two) harbour mobile cranes at the Port of Dover Refrigerated Cargo Terminal for the discharge and loading of containers, bulks and general cargo.

Supply shall include all associated project services such as warranty, training, service and support.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting entity

Explanation:

Dover Harbour Board (DHB) is a Utility as defined in the Regulations, and through its wholly owned subsidiary Port of Dover Cargo Ltd (PoDCL), it operates a Refrigerated Cargo Terminal in the Western Docks at the Port of Dover. PoDCL handles weekly cargo of fresh

fruit for the UK market as well as handling break bulk, steel, grain, aggregates and project cargo that directly supports UK supply chains.

In 2017 DHB tendered the procurement of two Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs) that were brought into operation in late 2019. However, both cranes suffered significant and unforeseeable structural failures in 2020 which resulted in them having to be removed from service. Only one crane has been brought back in to service with a reduced lifting capacity, but it is subject to monthly inspections which means it is out of service for several days a month. Based on previous experience, there are concerns that the crane could cease working which does not provide DHB and PoDCL with a reliable solution for the short to medium term.

For resilience in recent months, DHB made its two older cranes available to PoDCL to maintain port cargo operations until both older cranes had to be taken out of service in early 2021 due to unforeseeable mechanical problems. The Port cannot undertake cargo operations safely without reliable MHCs having due regard to the welfare of DHB and PoDCL operatives and other port users.

MHCs are highly specialized large complex assets. The exceptionally long lead-time necessary to procure, design, manufacture, deliver and commission two new replacement cranes is not compatible with the extreme urgency of the unforeseeable circumstances that DHB has experienced even if an accelerated procedure were to be followed.

Only three suppliers submitted tenders to meet DHB requirements in the 2017 procurement and so DHB has approached the second ranked tenderer, Liebherr Great Britain Limited, who have two MHCs available immediately, one second-hand and one fully manufactured, which meet the specification requirements of DHB.

Procedures with a prior call for competition could not be complied with (even on the basis of an accelerated procurement process) as Liebherr only have these two MHCs currently available for purchase with immediate delivery.

The contract has not been entered in to at the date of publication of this notice and it is not intended to enter in to contract until 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

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

26 April 2021

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

Liebherr - Great Britain Limited

Biggleswade

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

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: 5,681,943 EUR

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom