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## Supply of Compatible Blank Ammunition

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b7ad

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### Section I: Contracting authority/entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Fir 1C #4110

Bristol

BS34 8JH

#### Email

[DESWpnsDGM-ComrcIMultiuser@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESWpnsDGM-ComrcIMultiuser@mod.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Compatible Blank Ammunition

Reference number

DGM/2022

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35330000 - Ammunition

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Defence General Munitions Team (DGM PT), which is part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (UK MOD) currently contracts the supply of Simunition™ training rounds from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Limited (GDOTS). To complete the suite of training natures, DGM PT need to procure GDOTS' proprietary 5.56mm & 9mm Securiblack™ ammunition. The estimated total value of the procurement is circa £1,750,000 (inc VAT) for a duration of 2 years, plus 5 additional annual contract options.

#### **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: £1,750,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35330000 - Ammunition

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- CA - Canada

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

DGM PT need to procure GDOTS' proprietary 5.56mm & 9mm Securiblack™ ammunition. The estimated total value of the procurement is circa £1,750,000 (inc VAT) for a duration of 2 years, plus 5 additional annual contract options.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Annual contract options for a period of 5 years to enable procurement of additional quantities of 5.56mm and 9mm Securiblack™ ammunition.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## 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:

The GDOTS Simunition™ suite used by the UK MOD consists of FX™ marking and Securiblack™ rounds. FX™ marking rounds are already in service with the UK MOD and this VTN indicates the UK MOD's intention to complete the suite by purchasing Securiblack™. When combined, these munitions will be used to facilitate less than lethal training through simulation of "real-life" battlefield missions for the armed forces. The full safety system of associated equipment is already in service, along with the weapon conversion kits that are required to fire both types of ammunition. When employed as a system, it provides a complete safe training system and therefore enhances the safety and effectiveness of training.

The Securiblack™ ammunition is interoperable in terms of design and performance with the in-service Simunition™ weapon conversion kits. The GDOTS Securiblack™ natures have a unique firing mechanism and are the only training natures compatible with the existing in-service systems. Purchasing similar Blank training systems from any other manufacturer would result in a mixed fleet of training equipment and ammunition with different performance and technical characteristics. This would result in incompatibility between the existing in-service training system and the purchased goods, leading to disproportionate technical and safety difficulties in operation and maintenance of this training capability.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

DGM/2022

### **Title**

DGM/2022 - Supply of Compatible Blank Ammunition

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 March 2023

#### **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**

General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Canada Inc

5 Montee des Arsenaux

Quebec

J5Z 2P4

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

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: £1,750,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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