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Provision of End Point Assessment for the Royal Engineers Level 3 Military Engineering Construction Technician (MECT) Apprenticeship Standard (ST0414)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

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

Provision of End Point Assessment for the Royal Engineers Level 3 Military Engineering Construction Technician (MECT) Apprenticeship Standard (ST0414)

Reference number

701554495

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of End Point Assessment for the Royal Engineers Level 3 Military Engineering Construction Technician (MECT) Apprenticeship Standard (ST0414)

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: £2,760,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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 without a prior call for competition

- 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 Army Apprenticeship Programme, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (the Authority) intends to award a contract to JGA LIMITED (Trading as Progress Minded) for the provision of End Point Assessment (EPA) services to the Royal Engineers undertaking the Level 3 Military and Engineering, Construction Technician (MECT) Apprenticeship Standard. The service contract is intended to be for a duration of 5 years commencing in May 2021, for an estimated value of £2,760,000.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 32(2)(b)(ii) of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR of 2015)) for technical reasons. JGA LIMITED (Trading as Progress Minded) are the only provider registered on the 'Register for End Point Assessment Organisations', with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), to deliver End Point Assessment for the MECT Apprenticeship Standard. Due to Apprenticeship funding rules for employer-providers (August 2020 to July 2021, Version 5) published by the ESFA, the Authority can only enter into a contract with an End Point Assessment Organisation that is registered with the ESFA, to deliver EPA for this Apprenticeship Standard. As JGA LIMITED (Trading as Progress Minded) are the only provider that are registered with ESFA and are listed on the Register for End Point Assessment Organisations, for technical reasons competition is absent and there is no other economic operator that can meet the current requirement and provide the EPA services that enable the Authority to obtain the relevant funding (as per condition EP202 of the Apprenticeship funding rules for employer-providers).

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

701554495

Title

Provision of End Point Assessment for the Royal Engineers Level 3 Military Engineering Construction Technician (MECT) Apprenticeship Standard (ST0414)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 May 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

JGA LIMITED (Trading as Progress Minded)

Uxbridge

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: £2,760,000

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

Ministry of Defence

Andover

Country

United Kingdom