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Contract

Provision of Police Aviation Services including a Fleet Replacement Programme

BlueLight Commercial Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91087>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Police Aviation Services including a Fleet Replacement Programme

Reference number

BLCAVIATION003

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement aims to establish a police aviation services Framework Agreement.

Immediately following the award of the Framework Agreement, WYCA intends to enter into

two initial call-off contracts for:

LOT 1. The lease or capital purchase of seven rotary aircraft for the police purpose, such aircraft to be modified with police role equipment; and

LOT 2. The delivery of an outsourced police air support service to the London region.

Or awarding under LOT 3 - A combination of Lots 1 and 2.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £276,680,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Lease (or Potential Capital Purchase) of Rotary Aircraft

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The lease or potential capital purchase of Rotary Aircraft for the police purpose. A requirement of 7 aircraft is anticipated, however this may vary. The aircraft must be able to

be modified with police role equipment. The contract will include the ongoing requirements of

the aircraft as per the Technical Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 35%

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated value of £184,000,000 for Lot 1 is based on the potential value over the full framework term. It is envisaged that the value for the initial call-off contract will be £80,500,000. WYCA is establishing a 6-year Framework Agreement (4 years plus an optional extension of 2 years). Its anticipated that the call off contract length for Lot 1 is: transition period plus a 10-year lease.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Delivery of an Outsourced Police Air Support Service to the London Region

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60424100 - Hire of aircraft with crew
- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of a Police Air Support service to the London Region. NPAS is looking to meet the specific Metropolitan Police and London Region availability and user requirements through a full turnkey police aviation contract. The contract will be for a service provision

based upon availability. It will include fully role equipped police helicopters, instrument rated pilots and the Police Air Operators Certificate (PAOC) and approvals required to deliver a police aviation service. In addition, line and base maintenance provision and spare parts required to meet the specific London operational user requirement for availability of service and rates of flying.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 35%

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

II.2.14) Additional information

WYCA is establishing a 6-year Framework Agreement (4 years plus an optional extension of 2 years). It is anticipated that the call off contract length for Lot 2 is: transition period (inclusive of obtaining PAOC) plus a 10-year contract period.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

A Combination of Lots 1 and 2

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60424100 - Hire of aircraft with crew
- 60444000 - Aircraft-operation services

- 60440000 - Aerial and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A combination of Lots 1 & 2. This lot will give suppliers the opportunity to bid for both lots 1 & 2 in order to provide further efficiencies. This lot is not intended to provide a blended service

but to allow suppliers to submit joint costings.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 35%

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note the estimated value of £276,680,000 for Lot 3 is based on the potential value over the full framework term. It is envisaged that the value for the initial call-off contracts will be £173,180,000.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-002330](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

LOT 1: The Lease (or Potential Capital Purchase) of Rotary Aircraft

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Airbus Helicopters UK Limited

Oxford Airport

Kidlington

OX5 1QZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

GB918394689

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £184,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Title

LOT 2: The Delivery of an Outsourced Police Air Support Service to the London Region

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Title

LOT 3: A Combination of Lots 1 and 2

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Any contract values stated within this notice are estimates only, and should not be construed as any commitment by WYCA to spend such sums.

The Framework Agreement is open for use by Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests (or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall acquire the responsibility of any of the bodies listed here). For a full list go to: <https://www.police.uk/forces>

Scottish Police information at:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

Police Service of Northern Ireland information at:

<http://www.psni.police.uk/>

Police Forces of British Overseas Territories, British Sovereign Base Areas and British Crown Dependencies including but not limited to:

Gibraltar information at:

<https://www.police.gi>

Cyprus information at:

<https://www.sbaadministration.org/>

Channel Islands information at:

<https://jersey.police.uk>

<https://guernsey.police.uk>

Isle of Man information at:

<https://www.iompolice.im>

7 submissions were received for Lot 1 at the Standard Selection Questionnaire stage.

As per corrigendum 2024/S 000-020175 published on 2nd July 2024 - The tender documentation associated with notice reference: 2022/S 000-002330 stated that the Contracting Authority (as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015) was West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Wellington House, 40-50 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 2DE. This has changed, for the Framework Agreement only, to BlueLight Commercial 12517649 Lower Ground, 5-8 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JS with effect from 13th September 2023.

As per corrigendum 2024/S 000-024601 published on 6th August 2024 - The tender documentation associated with notice reference: 2022/S 000-002330 stated that any leases for the aircraft would be held by the bidders. This model has been changed so that participating contracting authorities (authorised to access the framework agreement(s)) will be the entity entering into the lease agreements with third party finance providers.

BlueLight Commercial Limited (being the current contracting authority of the Procurement, having replaced West Yorkshire Combined Authority as the Authority) took the decision to abandon Lot 2 and Lot 3 of this Procurement. The Authority decided that, in light of the quantum of the initial bids and the indication from tenderers given during subsequent commercial workshops, that these initial bids would likely only increase at final tender stage, it would not represent value for money to the public purse, for it to proceed with Lot 2 and Lot 3 of the Procurement. Bidders were notified of this abandonment on 5th July 2024.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

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London

UK

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United Kingdom

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<http://www.justice.gov.uk>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of the Legal Commercial Services Director of BlueLight Commercial Limited at the address specified in Section I above, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the time-scales specified by the applicable law, including, without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.