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EHub Applied Research Support

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044e7e

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Salisbury

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

EHub Applied Research Support

Reference number

PA0000002258

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of specialist Experimental Hub (EHub) applied research support.

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: £350,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

- Extensive recent experience and knowledge of the activities, working practices, priorities and constraints of the Army Information Activities (IA) Capability Programme, its Lead User organisation and the IA EHub project.
- Independence from services currently delivered to the Army IA Capability Programme and Information Activities EHub.
- Deep technical expertise and experience in applying to Military IA novel technologies and methods in the areas of digital communications, open source intelligence and applied data management and analytics.
- Extensive expertise and recent experience in the development and deployment of data exploitation and analytics capabilities on the MOD cloud-infrastructure.
- Deep understanding and recent experience of MOD and Army data management and governance structures, policies, and processes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical Ability 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

6 month extension of the contracted service

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
- 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 purpose of this Voluntary Transparency Notice is to notify the market that Dstl intends to conduct a single source procurement for the provision of specialist Experimental Hub (EHub) applied research support. The requirement is considered single source as it necessitates all of the following technical and delivery criteria that could not be met by an alternative supplier:

- Extensive recent experience and knowledge of the activities, working practices, priorities and constraints of the Army Information Activities (IA) Capability Programme, its Lead User organisation and the IA EHub project.
- Independence from services currently delivered to the Army IA Capability Programme and Information Activities EHub.
- Deep technical expertise and experience in applying to Military IA novel technologies and methods in the areas of digital communications, open source intelligence and applied data management and analytics.
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This procurement strategy will ensure that critical work can be delivered within the period required and without undue risk or delay to the EHub project and the capability programme that it supports.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

28 March 2024

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

J2S Consulting

Wickham

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: £350,000

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

Dstl

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom