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Contract

Engines Future Support

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034f3d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Engines Future Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Single Source QDC with SAFRAN Helicopters UK for the provision of In-Service Helicopter Engine Support for the Merlin helicopter fleet. Contract includes maintenance, technical advice and field service support as required.

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: £241,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34711000 - Helicopters and aeroplanes
- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters
- 35612200 - Anti submarine warfare helicopters
- 35612300 - Support helicopters
- 35612400 - Military transport helicopters
- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

RNAS Yeovilton, RNAS Culdrose

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Support to Merlin Helicopter Engines to the Out of Service date of 2040. Scope may include replacement of current engines subject to the proposal provided.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

x2 5-year option periods to extend the contract to the current Out of Service Date of the Merlin platform (2040).

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Merlin Delivery Team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Safran Helicopters UK Limited (Safran) for support of the RTM322 Engine (Engine) used on the Merlin helicopter platform. The contract will be for 17 years (2023 to 2040) and have an estimated value of £700M ex VAT.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of this contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is because Safran is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Engine and has maintained it since it came into service in 1998. As OEM, it is the only company with the drawings, information, expertise and tools to provide the necessary technical support and to ensure compliance with safety and airworthiness requirements.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

701580378

Title

Engines Future Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Safran Helicopters UK Ltd

Concorde Way, Segensworth North

Fareham

PO15 5RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £241,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 85 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

French element Safran France Ltd

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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