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Corporate Services Modernisation Phase 2 DP

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

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design stage before commencing the Transformation and Implementation phase of the programme. Currently, it is the Authority's intention that this Transformation and Implementation phase will be procured via one or more contracts following competitive procurement exercises.

Contract 1. CSM Phase 2 Delivery Partner

Supplier

- [KPMG LLP](#)

Contract value

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

25 April 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025
- 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72510000 - Computer-related management services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Switching to direct award

The Corporate Services Modernisation (CSM) team, part of the Ministry of Defence ("the Authority") intends to award a six (6) month contract to KPMG LLP valued at up to £8M excluding VAT to complete detailed design to enable progression to the Transformation and Implementation phase of the Authority's CSM programme.

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It is considered that a direct award to KPMG LLP for this six-month contract is lawful in accordance with section 41 and paragraphs 6 (Technical Reasons) and 7 (Extension of Existing Goods and Services) of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 for the following reasons.

To attempt to change supplier now would result in the Authority receiving partial detailed designs that would be different from and incompatible with the existing designs produced by KPMG LLP. This would in turn result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and/or maintenance of the complete CSM design solution when it came to delivering the Transformation and Implementation phase.

In practical terms, appointing an alternative supplier utilising a different design methodology to complete the design phase of the CSM Portfolio would result in the production of differing design solutions for the various elements of the same future operating system. The impact of the differing design solutions would be that any future Transformation and Implementation supplier would either be unable to implement the solution design in totality, or the difference/incompatibility between designs would result in disproportionate technical difficulties when attempting to implement the designs during the implementation phase of the programme. This would ultimately result in a future operating system that would not meet the Authority's objective requirements and would be unfit for purpose. Consequently, to retain and maintain compatibility with the designs produced to date this interim six-month contract must be awarded to this particular economic operator.

In addition, to attempt to re-compete the entire CSM design requirement at this stage would result in a substantial and unacceptable impact on progress along the Authority's critical path alignment with which is vital to maintain MOD's corporate services systems and capabilities.

At a market engagement event held during September 2024 attendees made clear that in order to competitively price the Transformation and Implementation phase of the CSM Portfolio the future solution must be fully designed. This short interim six-month contract provides potential Transformation and Implementation phase bidders with an important degree of certainty that all designs have been completed and assured prior to the Transformation and Implementation phase being procured.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. CSM Phase 2 Delivery Partner

Contracting authority

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