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QEC Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) In Service Support

Defence Equipment and Support

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b37c

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Defence Equipment and Support

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK - South West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

QEC Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) In Service Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35722000 - Radar

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

QEC IFF is a secondary surveillance radar system fitted to the two ships in the QEC. It forms part of the QEC Mission System and contributes towards situational awareness, identification and Air Traffic Control operations within both vessels.

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: £900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In Service Support contract allowing for the provision of technical support; training provision; asset repair and procurement. These services are needed to support the Authority to maximise system availability and sustain platform operational capability.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Two six month extension periods, from 1st April 2023 - 30th September 2023 and from 1st October 2023 - 31st March 2024. Option to purchase up to two QEC IFF Interrogators.

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 Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority), through the Surface Ships Combat Systems Group (SSCSG) Project Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) intends to place a 21 month contract, with up to two six month option periods for a maximum duration of 33 months, with Leonardo UK Ltd. for the Support of Queen Elizabeth Class (QEC) Identification Friend or Foe (IFF).

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It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. Leonardo UK Ltd. is the existing service provider and only they possess the necessary expertise, means and know how essential to delivering and supporting the IFF capability as it is a bespoke technical solution fitted to QEC. It is not feasible for another supplier to achieve the required technical performance, as they would not have the specific technical knowledge, tools and means which the current supplier has at its disposal.

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

701555429

Title

QEC Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) In Service Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 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

Leonardo UK Ltd.

Basildon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £900,000

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

Defence Equipment and Support

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United Kingdom