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ASCE Support - VTN

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

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

ASCE Support - VTN

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement for Assurance & Safety Case Environment (ASCE) licence support and training for the Air Environment (AE) Users

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Adelard Assurance & Safety Case Environment (ASCE) licence support and training for the Air Environment (AE) Users. Delivery and management of the Air Systems Type Airworthiness Safety Assessments, which underpins the Duty Holders Air System Safety Cases.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- 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:

(a) NCC Group are the only supplier able to provide software that meets all the MoD's requirements, including its technical and airworthiness safety requirements. The ASCE application is registered on the Defence Application Register as an MOD approved application. To transfer to 3rd party software, software support and training would create significant and unacceptable risk to Air Safety across multiple Aircraft Platforms resulting in a loss of airworthiness and a substantial and unacceptable reduction in the operability of all the affected aircraft platforms.

(b) only NCC Group, as the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the Software, associated software support and training, have the necessary skills, experience and knowledge to provide the required technical support and user training and

(c) only NCC Group have access to the necessary technical data, as they own the background IP to the software's generic modules and source code required to provide the technical support.

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

713352453

Title

ASCE Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 March 2025

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

NCC Group Security Services Ltd

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £146,550

Lowest offer: £146,550 / Highest offer: £146,550 taken into consideration

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 & Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom