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Provision of Electronic Supply Area (ESA) and Asset-Tracking Cloud Based Software

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Andover

SP118HJ

Email

lucy.matthews153@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.army.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

Provision of Electronic Supply Area (ESA) and Asset-Tracking Cloud Based Software

Reference number

711439450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72210000 - Programming services of packaged software products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

- Implementation of a cloud-hosted platform for asset and item tracking.
- Production of a report to support critical work to the development of robust, informed User Requirements to support Army requirements.

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: £151,399.50

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

- Implementation of a cloud-hosted platform for asset and item tracking.

- Production of a report to support critical work to the development of robust, informed User Requirements to support Army requirements.

1. The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter a contract with Smarter Technologies Trading Limited for the procurement of the implementation of a cloud-based asset and item tracking system and a report relating to the outputs and outcomes of its use in Exercise Linotyper.

2. It is considered that this contract can be placed with Smarter Technologies Trading Limited pursuant to Regulation 7(1)(I) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations, justified by the following:

i. This is a contract for services which fall within the DSPCR Regulation 3 definition of Research and Development: 'all activities comprising fundamental research, applied research and experimental development'. Specifically, it constitutes experimental development, defined by DSPCR Regulation 3 as 'work based on existing knowledge obtained from research or practical experience with a view to initiating the manufacture of new materials, products or devices, establishing new processes, systems and services or considerably improving those that already exist and includes the realisation of technological demonstrators'.

ii. The MOD will fully fund this Research and Development activity. The ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights in the results will remain with the contractor, and under DEFCON 705, the MOD will acquire user rights of the Research and Development activity.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical 50

Criterion: Price 50

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 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 contract concerns research and development services other than those referred to in the regulations
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

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- ii. The MOD will fully fund this Research and Development activity. The ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights in the results will remain with the contractor, and under DEFCON 705, the MOD will acquire user rights of the Research and Development activity.

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

711439450

Title

Provision of Electronic Supply Area (ESA) and Asset-Tracking Cloud Based Software

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 April 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

Smarter Technologies Trading Limited

1 Austin Park, Yeoman Road, Ringwood

Hampshire

BH24 3FG

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: £151,399.50

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

Ministry of Defence

Whitehall

London

SW1A 2HB

Country

United Kingdom