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Contract

Purchase of Tethered Un-Crewed Air Systems and Integrated Payloads

Ministry of Defence

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Purchase of Tethered Un-Crewed Air Systems and Integrated Payloads

Reference number

702431454

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34711200 - Non-piloted aircraft

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to modify an existing contract with Evolve Dynamics Ltd, under Contract Reference 702431454 for the Purchase of Tethered Un-Crewed Air Systems and Integrated Payloads, to include the purchase of an additional radio system. It is considered that the award of the contract modification without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended (in particular by Statutory Instrument 2020/1319)) because it constitutes a permitted modification under that regulation. This is because these additional goods have become necessary and to introduce a change of contractor at this stage cannot be made for economic and technical reasons as only Evolve Dynamics Ltd has the necessary technical knowledge and design

information to integrate the additional goods with the existing equipment, which is necessary to provide this requirement. In addition, there are very specific interoperability and testing requirements which require the new equipment to work with this existing equipment to ensure that the requirements detailed in the original Contract can be met. To introduce a change in Contractor at this stage would also cause significant inconvenience, delays and substantial duplication of cost for the MOD

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

2 February 2022

End date

31 December 2024

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

702431454

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

8 February 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Evolve Dynamics Limited

Guildford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £434,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 34711200 - Non-piloted aircraft

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

8 February 2022

End date

31 December 2024

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£434,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Evolve Dynamics Limited

Guildford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to modify an existing contract with Evolve Dynamics Ltd, under Contract Reference 702431454 for the Purchase of Tethered Un-Crewed Air Systems and Integrated Payloads, to include the purchase of an additional radio system. It is considered that the award of the contract modification without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended (in particular by Statutory Instrument 2020/1319)) because it constitutes a permitted modification under that regulation. This is because these additional goods have become necessary and to introduce a change of contractor at this stage cannot be made for economic and technical reasons as only Evolve Dynamics Ltd has the necessary technical knowledge and design information to integrate the additional goods with the existing equipment, which is necessary to provide this requirement. In addition, there are very specific interoperability and testing requirements which require the new equipment to work with this existing equipment to ensure that the requirements detailed in the original Contract can be met. To introduce a change in Contractor at this stage would also cause significant inconvenience,

delays and substantial duplication of cost for the MOD

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

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VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £434,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £520,000