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F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Contract for the repair and technical support of the legacy very high frequency and ultra high frequency (VUHF) equipment for the LPD class.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 50333000 - Maintenance services of radio-communications equipment

Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

The Communications & Situational Awareness (CSA) Project Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, (“the Authority”) intends to award a contract (the Contract) to Park Air Systems Ltd (“the Contractor”) for the combined support of very high frequency and ultra high frequency

(VUHF) communications equipment. The Contract will extend the services currently provided to the Authority by the Contractor for a further period of two years to 31st March 2025 with a further two option years included to 31 March 2027.

A separate contract (CSA/1093) for V/UHF Capability Replacement (VCR) project is rolling out to MCMV’s, Type 23s and RFA Platforms however the Landing Platform Dock (LPD) class (HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark) is not included in the scope. Therefore, the purpose of the Contract is for repair and technical support of the legacy V/UHF equipment for the LPD class.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450).

Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e notification service (as required by in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with

regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 because the Contract may be awarded only to the Contractor for technical reasons.

This is on the basis that the Contractor, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), for this equipment, have sole capability of performing the contract. No other supplier has access to the specific repair moulds or any information to reverse engineer as these are bespoke to Contractor. Replacement of the existing legacy

equipment is now done through repair and parts salvaged from items deemed beyond economical repair with no spares supply available on the market. The Contractor owns the IPR imbedded in the software within the legacy equipment, own all supporting documentation/manuals needed to maintain it and possess the SQEP

technical expertise to carry out the repair activity at the sole repair facility.

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

CSA/1045

V.1) Date of contract award decision

31 March 2023

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

1

Number of offers received by electronic means

1

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

Park Air Systems Ltd

Northfields, Market Deeping

Peterborough

PE6 8UE

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £2,566,000

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
No