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Contract

Provision of End Point Assessment Services to Service Personnel Undertaking the Level 3 Engineering Technician Apprenticeship Standard

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.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 End Point Assessment Services to Service Personnel Undertaking the Level 3 Engineering Technician Apprenticeship Standard

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract for a supplier to deliver End Point Assessment (EPA) services in connection with the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Army Apprenticeship Programme. EPAs will be delivered to service personnel of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), Royal Marines (RM), Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) and Infantry undertaking a Level 3 (L3) Engineering Technician apprenticeship standard (ST0457).

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: £3,289,150

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The appointed End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) will be responsible for delivering the following activities in connection with the apprenticeship standard:

- Assessment Design and Delivery
- Governance, Quality Assurance and Continual Improvement
- Communications with Stakeholders
- Learner Management
- Complaints, Appeals, Re-sits and Re-takes

Learner throughput for EPA in this contract is anticipated as approximately

558 over five years and it is expected that Occupation Competence

Validation Interviews (VIVAs) will take place online.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Understanding the military context / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: Support to apprentices / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: EPAO staff / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: EPA delivery / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: Governance / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: Quality Assurance and Continual Improvement / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: D&I, Safeguarding and PREVENT / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: Communications with AAP Stakeholders / Weighting: 9

Cost criterion - Name: Communications with Apprentices & Analysis of Performance Data and Feedback to AAP Stakeholders / Weighting: 18

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Two options to extend the contract in 12 month periods.

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

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

709012450

Title

Provision of End Point Assessment Services to Service Personnel Undertaking the Level 3 Engineering Technician Apprenticeship Standard

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,289,150

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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