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In Orbit Servicing and Manufacturing (IOSM) Capabilities Roadmap Part 2

UK SPACE AGENCY

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045277

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

UK SPACE AGENCY

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

SWINDON

SN21SZ

Contact

UKSA Commercial

Email

commercial@ukspaceagency.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-space-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Space Agency

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

In Orbit Servicing and Manufacturing (IOSM) Capabilities Roadmap Part 2

Reference number

UKSAC24_0036

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is not an opportunity, but a VEAT notice to inform the Market that UK Space Agency is looking to direct award the contract to Growbotics Space Limited who will further develop a current UK IOSM capabilities map and analyse what is missing for the UK to establish leadership in this field. It will build on the ongoing work by the UK Space IOSM Working Group to identify IOSM priorities for the UK Space Sector.

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: £249,885.33

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following publication of this notice, the UK Space Agency will allow a 10-day standstill period prior to entering into the contract, pursuant to regulation 99(3)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015

UK Space Agency intends to award the contract to Growbotics Space Ltd following expiry of the VEAT notice .

The purchase is being made directly from the supplier as competition is absent for technical and operational reasons.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

This work is a continuation of the study undertaken by Growbotics Space Ltd in March 2023 aimed at developing an In Orbit Servicing and Manufacturing (IOSM) roadmap.

Growbotics Space Ltd, as a lead member of the UKSA/Community space partnership, have acted as independent consultants to that work and is uniquely positioned to deliver the next phase of the study due to the specialised nature of the task and the work completed so far, and the access requirements needed to complete it successfully.

The following up work specification requires a supplier to have deep knowledge of both the sector and the sector strategy, specifically the new IOSM capabilities and industrial plan recently endorsed by space council and DSIT.

The work completed to date was done by Growbotics Space Ltd both for the earlier key technology identification and the UKSA and space partnership roadmapping. If another supplier were to be used other than Growbotics Space Ltd, understanding the methodology used, decision framework combined with a deep technical understanding of the sector would result in having to completely rework the earlier study, which will result in disproportionate time and resource on top of this study cost.

Therefore Growbotics Space Limited is the only credible supplier to deliver this work.

Duration of the contract will be 6 months.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

UKSAC24_0036

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 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

Growbotics Space Ltd

Marine House, 151 Western Road,

West Sussex

RH16 3LH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

14483760

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £250,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £249,885.33

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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