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Contract

Procurement of Jupiter HC Mk2 & Aviation Support to British Armed Forces Brunei & Cyprus

Ministry of Defence

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)

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Country

United Kingdom

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Procurement of Jupiter HC Mk2 & Aviation Support to British Armed Forces Brunei & Cyprus

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

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Place of performance of this contract is both British Forces Brunei and British Forces Cyprus

NUTS code

- BN - Brunei

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

The Authority has awarded a contract with Airbus Helicopters UK Ltd for the supply of six (6) Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters to include three (3) years support services for use by British Forces Brunei and British Forces Cyprus.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 34711500 - Helicopters

Additional CPV code(s)

- 35612300 - Support helicopters
- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.2) Total final value of contract(s)

II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)

Value: £122,499,205.31

Excluding VAT

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 Ministry of Defence (MoD) has awarded a contract to Airbus Helicopters UK Ltd (Airbus) for the supply of six (6) Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters and three (3) years' technical support. The Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters will be used by British Forces Cyprus and British Forces Brunei to deliver capability from 2024.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract is regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (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 this contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is because the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is the only rotary wing helicopter which:

- i) is currently in service and certified;
- ii) is technically suitable to be used for a search and rescue, air transportation and medical evacuation capability; and
- iii) can meet the MoD's timescales.

Firstly, for strategic operational purposes it is imperative that the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is already in service and certified (it was brought into service relatively recently, in October 2018). Minimising the number of rotary wing platforms maintains maximum operational effectiveness and flexibility across air and ground crews, taking into consideration the existing physical and training infrastructure supporting the fleet as a whole, including utilisation of the skills of existing trained pilots, engineering expertise, in-service support capability and on-going Military Aviation requirements.

Secondly, of the six rotary wing helicopters currently in-service, only the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is considered to fully meet the MoD's technical requirements for size, capacity and effectiveness at operating in localised environments and terrain.

Thirdly, only Airbus is able to meet MoD's timescales, avoiding capability gaps in this critical service.

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

Lowest price

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2023/S 000-033385](#) of 13 November 2023

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

708957450

V.1) Date of contract award decision

27 March 2024

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

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V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £122,499,205.31

Excluding VAT

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: Yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

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