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Contract

RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045615

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL

LONDON

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Contact

Selina Groves

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contrats.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

RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme

Reference number

711236452

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The RAF Youth STEM programme is the largest of its kind across UK Government and seeks to maximise reach nationally. In order to promote the RAF and our role in support

of STEM nationally, we have to identify engagement routes that do not require direct RAF interaction, but support the same aims and objectives. The Arkwright Scholars programme, delivered by the Smallpeice Trust, is a nationally recognised programme that provides financial support to sixth form students who wish to study engineering at university.

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: £625,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This was due to the need to engage directly with the supplier of the scholarships to achieve best value for money for the taxpayer - any other route to market would involve additional layers of bureaucracy, stakeholders and spend. No alternative equivalent sponsorship programme has been identified. After a search of potential frameworks around sponsorships found no suitable alternative it was concluded that the most appropriate route to market for this requirement was to negotiate with the Supplier direct.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

711236452

Title

RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Smallpeice Trust

74 Upper Holly Walk

Leamington Spa

CV32 4JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

Companies House

00882371

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £531,914.89

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Air Commercial

High Wycombe

Country

United Kingdom