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Contract

MAIB VDR Support Services

Department for Transport

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Transport

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

MAIB VDR Support Services

Reference number

TMAR3136

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48612000 - Database-management system

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Development and support of MAIB VDR facility by Avenca, who in conjunction with MAIB research the download and analysis of data from Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs) and host the information on a web server. Avenca also provide MAIB with support and maintenance of their VDR analysis related facilities and software.

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: £17,630

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

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

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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

To maintain the existing technological capabilities of the MAIB to lead in this area throughout Europe and the rest of the world, providing support and training to other accident administrations, not least including its commitment to support MAIIF, it is vital that MAIB continues the ongoing development of its VDR Resource.

This website hosts the in-depth technical information to support the preservation, recovery and analysis of data and information from a vessel's Voyage Data Recorder following an accident or incident.

The Website has been developed by Avenca working closely with the MAIB Technical Team. The exact detail of future development has been incorporated into the proposal attached, submitted following a meeting with Avenca. Failure to enhance the existing capabilities will lead to a degradation of the quality of MAIB accident investigation reports and affect the core objectives of the branch to determine cause and make recommendations to the industry as a whole.

The international body MAIIF also take an interest in the work of the MAIB in this field and call upon the MAIB to undertake training and provide VDR information via its VDR Resource Website to subscribed member administrations. At the 2011 general meeting MAIIF agreed to fund MAIB to the sum of £8000 for this to continue. This will be recovered by the MAIB against this STA contract.

The VDR Analysis and Support and Facilities Maintenance element gives support to not only VDR replay but support and updates of the Marine Accident Data Analysis Suite (MADAS). The MAIB in conjunction with the National Transport Safety Board contracted AVENCA to develop a comparative analysis tool to enable the replay of data from all models of Voyage Data Recorder. This partnership has been in place since 2005 and AVENCA through support contracts from the other 14 national accident investigation bodies that have purchased MADAS, and the four commercial companies, continue to support and develop new annual enhancements that all parties are entitled too.

AVENCAS hold the intellectual property writes for MADAS and there is no other such analysis tool available, nor any other commercial company worldwide that has the knowledge and experience of VDR data recovery and analysis.

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

TMAR3136

Title

MAIB VDR Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Avenca

The Old Barn, Old Road, Alderbury, SALISBURY Wiltshire SP5 3AR

Wiltshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £17,630

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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