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Award

TPAT TEMPEST Assurance

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

The Secretary of State for Defence (the “Authority”), through the AJAX Programme within Defence Equipment and Support (“DE&S”) intends to place a contract with Malvern Optical Limited (“MOP”) for the Platform security accreditation and Initial Operating Capability (IOC) assurance. The proposed contract will have a duration of 3 years and an estimated value of £500K and be placed as a supply of services contract.

As a covered procurement, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 (the “PA23”). It is considered that the direct award of the contract is lawful in accordance with section 41(1) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the PA23 because competition is absent for technical reasons such that only MOP can achieve the requirement and there is no reasonable alternative.

TEMPEST accreditation is required for platform security accreditation and assurance for IOC of the AJAX programme.. TEMPEST is a specialist field. Companies need to be accredited by the UK National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) Platform TEMPEST Accreditation Scheme (CPTAS) to carry out this security accreditation. MOP is the only NCSC accredited TEMPEST Evaluation Partner and test house for vehicles and there is no reasonable alternative to the TEMPEST service and therefore MOP is the only supplier capable of meeting the Authority’s requirement.

Contract 1. TPAT TEMPEST Assurance

Supplier

- [Malvern Optical Limited](#)

Contract value

- £510,795 excluding VAT
- £612,954 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 April 2025

Standstill period

- End: 29 April 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 April 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 11 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71630000 - Technical inspection and testing services

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Supplier

Malvern Optical Limited

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United Kingdom

Email: stranter@malvernoptical.co.uk

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Bristol

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government