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Award

Analysis and Repair of Cryptographic Computers

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Analysis and Repair of Cryptographic Computers

Reference number

70774750

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72500000 - Computer-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Analysis and Repair of Cryptographic Computers

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: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• FR - France

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single source procurement for Analysis and Repair of Cryptographic Computers from Hensoldt France SAS (Design Organisation)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Possibility of +2 Option years to be taken by January 2026

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

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

 No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Single Source Procurement for Provision of a support contract for Mode 5 crypto computers from Hensoldt France SAS (FRANCE)

Voyager Delivery Team (DT), as part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to award a contract to Hensoldt France SAS for the support and maintenance of the QRTK3BNG and QRTK4NG crypto computers. These are Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) used on Mode 5 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) systems. This particular type CCI has been classified as Type 2: Unclassified and encrypted equipment for government information that requires safeguarding due to data sensitivity

The contract is intended to be let for a 3-year period, plus 2 option years with an anticipated contract value of £0.300M

Reason for Award:

Hensoldt France SAS are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the crypto computers used for Mode 5 on Voyager. They are the only organisation that can service and repair the units due to technical reasons.

Accordingly, it is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

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/concession

Contract No

707747450

Title

Analysis and Repair of Cryptographic Computers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 June 2023

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

Hensoldt France SAS

115 Avenue de Dreaux ZAC Sainte-Apolline 78370 Plaisir France

Paris

78370

Country

France

NUTS code

• FR - France

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £300,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £300,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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