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Land Equipment Operating Centre Testing, Trialling & Advice

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d319

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Land Equipment Operating Centre Testing, Trialling & Advice

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73433000 - Test and evaluation of military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Land Equipment Operating Centre Testing, Trialling & Advice

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: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Millbrook Proving Ground

MK45 2JQ

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Testing, Trialling & Advice

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

6-month option

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:

The Soldier Training & Special Programmes (STSP) Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a new contract with Millbrook Proving Ground Ltd for the testing, trialling and advice of Land Equipment Operating Centre (LEOC) wheeled vehicles. The contract value is estimated to be a maximum of £4M. The initial contract length will be 18 months, with the option of one additional six-month extension.

It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with 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. The suitably qualified and experienced personnel (SQEP) from the STSP Engineering team conducted an analysis of the market capabilities and concluded that Millbrook Proving Ground Ltd is the sole economic operator with the necessary expertise, facilities, infrastructure, and capacity to conduct the full scope of required work.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

708071451

Title

Land Equipment Operating Centre Testing, Trialling & Advice

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

Millbrook Proving Ground Ltd.

Station Lane, Millbrook, Bedford

Millbrook

MK45 2JQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,000,000

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

Defence, Equipment & Support (DE&S)

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