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Contract

CHC/646 COBRA - Bottle Reconditioning

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0344de

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

megan.white207@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.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

CHC/646 COBRA - Bottle Reconditioning

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Notice of CHC/646 COBRA - Bottle Reconditioning contract award to AMETEK Airtechnology Group Ltd, effective contract start date 22nd March 2022.

This follows the publication of a single source justification, F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice, published on the FTS dated 28th January 2022, link as follows;
<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/002622-2022>

Contract Award Notice also published on Contracts Finder, link as follows:
<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c44babad-2d70-455a-b1d8-6c8b782b1c9e>

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: £297,706

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The requirement is for the reconditioning of COBRA Fire Extinguisher Bottles which have exceeded their ten-year life span, to support the Cobra Ballistic Fuel Tank Fire Suppression system and sustain the operational capability.

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:

Negotiated procedure without 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

The Secretary of State for Defence (the 'Authority') intends to enter into a contract with AMETEK Aerospace and Defense ('AMETEK') for the reconditioning of COBRA Fire Extinguisher bottles to support the COBRA Ballistic Fuel Tank Fire Suppression System, onboard the UK Chinook Fleet. The proposed contract term is placed on an interim basis and the contract value is estimated to be £0.4M.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. 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 DSPCR 2011 due to technical reasons.

AMETEK are the original equipment manufacturers and Design Authority of the COBRA Fire Extinguisher Bottles on the UK Chinook aircraft. As such, the reconditioning of these bottles can only be carried out by AMETEK as AMETEK exclusively holds the relevant skills, technical data, proprietary information (including drawing and design information) and know-how that are needed to meet the requirement. AMETEK previously confirmed that it is not prepared to share or license the use of that proprietary information outside of the Company and the UK Ministry of Defence does not have a right to obtain the necessary documentation from AMETEK. The aforementioned skills, technical data, drawing and design information are necessary for the performance of the requirement. Furthermore, only AMETEK holds the level of certification (under the Authority's Maintenance Approved Organisation (MAOS) Schemes) necessary to carry out the activities that are required in order to meet the Military Aviation Authority's Regulatory Articles applicable to the Equipment. It is not possible for another company to obtain the relevant level of certification without access to the skills, knowledge and technical information that only AMETEK hold.

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

CHC/646

Title

COBRA - Bottle Reconditioning

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 March 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 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

AMETEK Airtechnology Group Ltd

Sunbury on Thames

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £297,706

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Chinook DT, Bristol

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom