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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](mailto: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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Chinook DT, Bristol

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom