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Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) Hardware Upgrade

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02c81c

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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

Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) Hardware Upgrade

Reference number

701575746

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35422000 - Electronic and electrical spare parts for military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of 26 sets of hardware upgrades for the Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) in support of the mid-life update programme.

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: £1,386,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35422000 - Electronic and electrical spare parts for military vehicles

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Thales UK, 1 Linthouse Road, Govan, Glasgow G51 4BZ

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement of 26 sets of hardware upgrades, including bracketry and fixing consumables in support of the mid-life update programme for the Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS).

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is Very Low, (Reference – 397233948).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

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

Explanation:

The Turret Systems (TS) team within the DE&S Vehicle Demonstration & Manufacture (VDM) Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a Contract at a value of approximately £1.4 million over 12 months, to Thales UK Limited for the procurement of essential hardware and development of new software for integration into the Protector family of Remote Weapon Stations (RWS) currently fitted to various wheeled platforms in order to remove certain safety risks and obsolescence issues that have emerged.

It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

This is because only Thales UK Limited has the necessary access to the OEM Design and the technical documentation relating to the RWS Systems and their associated Optics together with the Platform Integration data and associated safety approvals for the armoured vehicle that it is fitted to in order to be able to meet the requirement necessary to resolve the in-service safety risks and obsolescence issues of the system. No other economic operator would be able to fulfil these requirements without introducing a disproportionate level of risk to the integration, operational, supportability and safety aspects of the requirement, all of which would not be acceptable for the safe operation of the Protector RWS products used by UK armed forces.

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

701575746

Title

Procurement of Protector RWS Hardware Upgrade Kits

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 November 2020

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

Thales UK Ltd

1 Linthouse Road, Govan,

Glasgow

G51 4BZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

National registration number

00868273

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: £1,386,000

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V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: 1,000,000 NOK

Proportion: 70 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Design and manufacture of the majority of the upgrade parts, plus technical assistance.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DE&S Land Equipment, Vehicle Demonstration & Manufacture Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom