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Contract

Project Seraph – Proof of Concept for Transportation of Medical Supplies (Kenya)

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Ministry of Defence

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For the attention of

Simpson Connor

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Country

United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Project Seraph – Proof of Concept for Transportation of Medical Supplies (Kenya)

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The MOD has moved away from the traditional 'Golden Ten Minutes' and 'Golden Hour' for provision of initial treatment and definitive care for sick and injured personnel, as current and future operations focus more on smaller, lighter formations operating in more austere environments. The MOD currently relies on a logistical supply chain utilising various modes of transport – land, sea, air - and whilst there has been a lot of work conducted on the use of drones, their use within Defence in a medical context has not been fully examined.

There are many civilian UAV companies both in the UK and overseas that operate in the field of medical supplies (including delivering blood & blood products). This project seeks to understand whether utilisation of a commercial UAV company, with accompanying logistical, hardware, software and personnel support, is feasible in deployed areas to deliver potentially lifesaving medication/blood & blood products (and other cold chain items) to medics and troops in austere environments who may be at extended reach causing potential delays to treatment or evacuation. It could also allow the medic to carry less as standard or free up the requirement for cold chain storage.

jHub Med aims to demonstrate the utility of contracting a commercial UAV company to deliver UAV hardware and support services in 1 overseas location, in order to show the flexibility of the service.

Enabling functions of Defence to support this project include proactive personnel, commercial UAV companies with processes already in place and access and permissions within deployed areas.

The Authority wishes to provide funding to support an overseas demonstration of a FULL SYSTEM capability demonstration phase, over the next 4 months.

This demonstration of the system will be a physically deployed overseas resupply that will take place in Kenya.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

II.2) Total final value of contract(s)

II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)

Value: £122,613

Excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Restricted

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Technical. Weighting 90
2. Social Value. Weighting 10

Section V: Award of contract

V.1) Date of contract award decision

12 January 2024

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

2

Number of offers received by electronic means

2

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

Skyports Deliveries Limited

C/O Ground Control, Kingfisher House, Radford Way

Billericay

CM12 0EQ

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £122,613

Excluding VAT

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) Procedures for appeal

VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.3.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

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