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Advanced Mission Planning Aid

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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

Advanced Mission Planning Aid

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212131 - Aviation ground support software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA) is a ground based Mission Planning System (MPS) providing computerised support to Typhoon, Hercules, Storm Shadow, Hawk TMk1 and Hawk TMk2 aircrew and operational analysts for mission planning, rehearsal and debriefing. As a system affecting air safety, it is required to comply with the relevant Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Regulatory Articles (RA).. The Contract will see a gradual de-scoping of the requirement as platforms are made out of service.

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: £668,015.68

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)

The Contract provides support to the Advanced Mission Planning Aid is a ground-based computer system used by Typhoon, Hawk TMk1 and TMk2 aircrew, and Storm Shadow analysts to plan, rehearse and debrief missions. It's a planning system used pre-mission to calculate optimum routes, performance data (e.g. fuel burn), weapon release points, parachute drop points and post-mission to debrief/analyse the flown sortie. The Contract will see a gradual de-scoping of the requirement as platforms are made out of service.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical 100

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

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 C2 Targeting Navigations and Communications Team (C2TNC DT), part of the Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”), intends to enter into a one-year option contract extension with DXC for the Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA) (“the Contract”). The AMPA In-Service Support (ISS) contract provides Design Organisation support and Post Design Services for the 3 variants which because of their commonality realises an economy of scale benefit.

Due to mission data generated by AMPA being referenced when airborne, the system is deemed to impact air safety and the supplier, DXC Technology, is required to be accredited by the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) as a Design Organisation (DO). It is not believed that any other MoD MPS provider currently holds this certification.

The original AMPA ISS included 2+1-year support for Hawk TMk1 and Typhoon so providing cover until 31 Mar 2025, but the delays and continuing uncertainty require this is extended to 2+2 years which will align with the end of the current contract which is 31 March 2026. A change of supplier is not practical as it would introduce significant technical and assurance issues for a mission critical capability affecting air safety without offering any performance, time, cost, or operational benefit.

The Authority has determined that this is Single source contract is excluded from DSPCR under Regulation 6(3A) (b) of the DSPR 2011.

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

701575537

Title

Advanced Mission Planning Aid

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

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

DXC Technology

Aldershot, Hampshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £668,015.68

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

Ministry Of Defence, C2 Targeting Navigations and Communications Team (C2TNC DT)

Bristol

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