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Procurement of Buffer replacement for Lightning LII Wrap Around Maintenance Staging (WAMS)

Ministry of Defence

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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**

Procurement of Buffer replacement for Lightning LII Wrap Around Maintenance Staging (WAMS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50210000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft and other equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract to provide Buffer replacement for the Lightning II Wrap Around Maintenance Staging (WAMS)

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract to provide Buffer replacement for the Lightning II Wrap Around Maintenance Staging (WAMS)

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 without a prior call for competition

- 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 Lightning II Delivery Team (LDT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to place a contract with Aviation Spares and Repair (ASR) for the procurement of buffer replacement on the Wrap Around Maintenance Staging (WAMS). This contract has an estimated total value of £180,000.00 VAT included. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 (as required by in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 due to technical reasons, and in accordance with regulation 32(5)(b) of the PCR 2015 for the additional delivery of goods as a partial replacement for existing goods as a change in supplier would oblige the contracting authority to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility and disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance”

WAMS are used as a fall prevention platform whilst maintenance is being performed on F35 aircraft. As a fall prevention platform, the WAMS sit extremely close to the airframe. The WAMS was previously purchased from ASR on contract number LPT/50171. The LDT intend to purchase replacement buffers for all 9 WAMS systems to replace specific elements that have degraded over a short time which require modification to enable better effectiveness and improved performance. It is vital that WAMS do not interface with the allotted Air Vehicles and cause any damage to the coatings or structure of the Airframe. Replacement buffers from ASR are required to maintain this critical element in aircraft maintenance through ensuring compatibility with existing buffering and contact points and maintaining entire system interoperability. ASR will also be required to update the WAMS design drawings and their user manuals accordingly with all new information.

Only ASR has the requisite technical know-how, dimensions and information to carry out the services required and ASR are not prepared to authorise any third party to use or alter its technical information. LDT does not hold, nor does it have the right to use or release, the necessary documentation or information.

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

711854460

Title

Procurement of Buffer replacement for Lightning II Wrap Around Maintenance Staging

(WAMS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 March 2024

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

Aviation Spares and Repairs Limited

Unit 6 Westlink

Romsey

SO51 7AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ32 - Southampton

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £150,000

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

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