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Contract

703963450 - Provision Of Parachute Aircraft, Pilot, Instructors, Rigging Support And Refuelling Service To The Army At Air Wing Netheravon

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-017720

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03db7f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Andover

Email

sophie.davis327@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

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**

703963450 - Provision Of Parachute Aircraft, Pilot, Instructors, Rigging Support And Refuelling Service To The Army At Air Wing Netheravon

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34700000 - Aircraft and spacecraft

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Parachuting Services, specifically training instructors and riggers, aircraft to facilitate parachute jumps and re-fuelling services.

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: £2,932,238

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Parachuting Services, specifically training instructors and riggers, aircraft to facilitate parachute jumps and re-fuelling services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12 months

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

APAC are currently established at the Netheravon site through a different arrangement with Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and would remain there if there was to be a different winning bidder through a competition process.

If the Authority were to pursue competition and another supplier were to be successful, there are only one of two options to ensure the provision of services would continue:

- a. The new supplier transports the aircraft from another location to the Netheravon site and back as and when required to deliver the service. This is technically impractical as external factors such as bad weather increases the risk of non-delivery of the training. This would also significantly increase the costs of the contract to accommodate additional fuel costs, which does not represent VFM. The Authority previous placed a contract with another Supplier based on this model and it was subsequently terminated due to failure to meet the contract deliverables and emerging costs.
- b. The Authority would need to build a new hangar to provide the supplier with storage space for the aircraft on the days required. This also does not represent VFM. This would be a significant project and come at a high cost to the authority with no control over timescales as this would be delivered by DIO.
- c. If an open procedure was ran the current supplier would have an unfair advantage and we would not be able to meet our obligations to provide all bidders with a level playing field. With APAC remaining on site with their other Commercial agreement, this would prevent us from being able to run a fair competition.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 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

Army Parachute Aircraft Company Limited

Netheravon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

03746160

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,932,238

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,932,238

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Army Commercial

Andover

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Country

United Kingdom