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Contract

Provision of LauncherOne display

UK SPACE AGENCY

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cce2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK SPACE AGENCY

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

SWINDON

SN21SZ

Email

commercial@ukspaceagency.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK - South West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-space-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Space

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of LauncherOne display

Reference number

UKSAC21_0012

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60500000 - Space transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of LauncherOne Rocket model to the UK for organised events and to support UK Space launch capability being developed from Cornwall Spaceport. The Contract includes all, transportation, & associated support activities for installation & removal.

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: £220,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

In order to promote the investment in UK space during official conferences and events organised this year, there was a requirement to display the rocket that will be launched from Cornwall spaceport as part of a Government funded 'Launch UK' programme. Virgin Orbit's LauncherOne is the only launch vehicle that has received Government Grant funding and will launch from Cornwall spaceport. As such, they are the only provider that can provide the required display.

The applicable exemption regulation for this contract is PCR 2015 Regulation 32 Section 2 (b) (ii) 'competition is absent for technical reasons' as there is 'no reasonable alternative or substitute that exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement'.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

17 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Virgin Orbit UK

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £220,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £220,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom