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702576451 - Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineer (AVRE) Trailer In Service Support

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

702576451 - Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineer (AVRE) Trailer In Service Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75221000 - Military defence services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Defence Equipment & Support Land Equipment Vehicle Support Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a Contract to Boughton Engineering Limited, for a period of three years with a further 1-year option, for the provision of technical advisory support to the Armoured Vehicle, Royal Engineer (AVRE) Trailer. The contract is anticipated to commence in July 2023 and will have an estimated total value of £398k (Ex VAT) including the option year.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 this contract without prior publication of a contract notice in

the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons

Boughton Engineering Limited is the Design Authority for and the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the AVRE Trailer and has maintained and supported the AVRE Trailer since it came into service in 1996. As such, Boughton Engineering Limited is the only company with access to the technical information, expertise and know-how necessary to provide technical advice and services and input to the Safety Environmental Management Panels in order to assure the safety of the equipment. If a third party was to carry out this work, it would add an unacceptable level of risk to the management of the equipment. Boughton Engineering Limited have confirmed that they are unwilling to sell the technical data pack and rights to either MOD or a third party, and without this information it is not possible for another supplier to provide the required level of support to assure the safe use of the equipment

Additional Information: The Authority is enacting a 10 day standstill day from the point of publication of this notice, which shall end on Monday the 3rd of July at 16:00. This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

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: £397,469.90

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35400000 - Military vehicles and associated parts

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Defence Equipment & Support Land Equipment Vehicle Support Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a Contract to Boughton Engineering Limited, for a period of three years with a further 1-year option, for the provision of technical advisory support to the Armoured Vehicle, Royal Engineer (AVRE) Trailer.

See Section II.1.4) Short description for full VTN. Please note that this notice was previously advertised in October 2022.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Single Source - Technical Reasons n/a

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 Year Option for a 12-month extension.

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

- 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:

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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/concession

Contract No

702576451

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2023

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

Boughton Engineering Limited

Balliol Business Park, Wobaston Road

Wolverhampton

WV9 5EU

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: £397,469.90

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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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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