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Award

Provision of GECO Mission Support System Licences for Hawk TMk1

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

DESUKMFTS-HawkComrcl@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/what-we-do/raf-procurement-support/uk-military-flying-training-system/>

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

Provision of GECO Mission Support System Licences for Hawk TMk1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of GECO Mission Support System Licences for Hawk TMk1

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: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK Military Flight Training Systems Hawk Delivery Team (UKMFTS) part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) proposes to place a Single Source non-qualifying defence contract with Inzpire Limited, for the provision of GECO Mission Support System (MSS) software licences to deliver an Air Picture Overlay (APO) function on the GECO Tablet installed for use on Hawk TMk1 aircraft. The GECO Tablet is a proprietary product developed by Inzpire, which owns the intellectual property in the GECO software. The delivery of the APO end product will be no later than 1 Jul 2026. The total value of the contract is not likely to exceed £2M.

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] for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights.

This is because Inzpire as the owner of the intellectual property in the GECO software is the only entity that has the necessary rights to grant the software licences.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options to extend the licence provision on a yearly basis until the OSD of the aircraft (31st March 2030)

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

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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

712579450

Title

Provision of GECO Mission Support System Licences for Hawk TMk1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 May 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

Inzpire Limited

Lincoln

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £2,000,000

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

UKMFTS Hawk Delivery Team Commercial

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom