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Support and Spares Provisions for Installed Engine Test Facility

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

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

Support and Spares Provisions for Installed Engine Test Facility

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34312000 - Engine parts

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Air Commodities Delivery Team (ACDT) in the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Department of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), is seeking to place a contract for the provision of repair and support for three Installed Engine Test Facilities (IETF) currently at RAF Valley, RNAS Culdrose and RAF Leeming.

The intended length of the contract is 3 year with a further 6 years of options. This contract has an estimated value of £1,100,000 over the 9 years. It is the intention of the Authority to place a single source contract with Cullum Detuners Ltd under regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSPCR) 2011.

The IETFs provide optimal operation in terms of acoustic attenuation, entrainment, and thermal performance during installed engine testing. Detuners are bespoke in terms of their compatibility with the air platforms they are built to accommodate. This compatibility includes meeting aeroengine thrust parameters, noise suppression, and environmental protection. The Hawk detuners in scope of this contract are designed to expand on a linear plane to ensure maximum aural protection and protection against hot exhaust gas escapement. The contract to support these IETFs will include a repair service and provision of spare parts.

Cullum Detuners Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturer and designed and built the IETF to meet the specific requirements of the Hawk platform. Cullum Detuners Ltd have the technical expertise due to their historic knowledge of the facility and access to technical information to ensure the IETFs continue to meet the required performance level and safe use in terms of thermal and acoustic properties. No third party has the technical knowledge or access to the technical information to repair this facility and sourcing parts from an alternative source will require significant reverse engineering and testing to

ensure that the same levels of aural protection and protection against hot exhaust gas escapement are met. If the required expertise is not established with the supplier, this would result in a significant gap in capability, which is unacceptable in terms of the health and safety risk and legislative compliance risk.

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: £1,100,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Repair And Support Of Installed Engine Test Facility

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical Expertise 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract can be extended up to 6 additional years

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2021

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

Cullum Detuners Ltd

Heanor

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: £950,000

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

Air Commodities Delivery Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom