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Award

The provision of Unipac III Air Sea Rescue Equipment

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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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

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

The provision of Unipac III Air Sea Rescue Equipment

Reference number

701553582

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35112000 - Rescue and emergency equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of Unipac III Air Sea Rescue Equipment

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: £1,239,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The initial procurement of life rafts; Qty 12 UNIPAC III (UP3) Air-Sea Rescue Equipment and Qty 2 Training Aids from Life Support International.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Demonstration of value for money for The Authority 100%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

The P8 Poseidon team, as part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("the Authority"), intends to place a contract for the initial procurement of life rafts; Qty 12 UNIPAC III (UP3) Air-Sea Rescue Equipment and Qty 2 Training Aids from Life Support International.

There are only two types of life raft cleared for carriage and operation for a P-8A Poseidon aircraft for Search and Rescue operations, the UNIPAC II and the UNIPAC III, both made by Life Support International Inc. Of the two, the UNIPAC III is the only life raft that meets the UK requirement for the number of personnel able to be contained/supported.

Therefore, the only option available to the UK is the acquisition of the UNIPAC III, there is no other cleared system available that meets the UK's requirement that can be carried and deployed from UK P-8A Poseidon MRA Mk1 aircraft.

Therefore, It is considered that this equipment and Training Aids can be procured using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations for technical reasons, the procurement may be awarded only to this particular economic operator.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 August 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

Life Support International

Pennsylvania

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £1,239,000

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

DE&S - P8-A Poseidon Delivery Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom