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CHC/648 Support, Repairs & Spares of the Electro-Optic Sensor Turret (EOST)

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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

CHC/648 Support, Repairs & Spares of the Electro-Optic Sensor Turret (EOST)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Secretary of State for Defence (the 'Authority') intends to enter into a contract with Leonardo UK Ltd (Leonardo) for the delivery of continual support to the UK Chinook fleet's existing Electro Optical Sensor Turret (EOST) system. The proposed contract term is 6 years (4 + 2) with an approximate total contract value of £6-7M.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement 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 the 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 DSPCR 2011 due to technical reasons as set out below

Leonardo UK Ltd, previously Leonardo MW Ltd, Selex ES Ltd, DRS Technologies UK Ltd, are the Titan 385ES Turret Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and appointed Design Organisation (DO). The support to the EOST system is required to allow for asset-recycling, repairs and replacements to the Authority's current stock.

Leonardo holds all the technical data for the Titan Turret system which includes a multitude of aspects including but not limited to design specifications, technical documents, qualification data, design models, both mechanical and electrical, system software design, manufacturing drawings, wiring schematics, circuit diagrams, methods folders, machining models etc and test specifications. The Leonardo technical data is not available via the public domain.

Leonardo has designed and manufactured a wide range of special to type tooling and test equipment required to support the Titan Turret System including PCB test sets, sub-assembly test sets, optical test facilities, bespoke test software, test jigs and manufacturing / repair tooling and jigs.

Leonardo has the trained and experienced personnel with the continuity of knowledge of the Titan Turret System throughout the design, development, production and support phases of the product's lifecycle. The level of knowledge required to adequately support the equipment simply does not exist outside of the company.

As the EOST is mounted on an aircraft, airworthiness requirements must be met. Leonardo are the only economic operator who hold the relevant Design Accreditation Organisation Scheme (DAOS) and Maintenance Accreditation Organisation Scheme (MAOS) approvals under the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Regularity Articles (RAs) required to undertake the work to be contracted.

Finally, as supplier to multiple fleets across the world, Leonardo are uniquely positioned to provide the Authority with safety service bulletins, including necessary modifications which ensure the continuous operation of the Authority's EOST and the subsequent safety of the Armed Forces.

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: £7,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34730000 - Parts for aircraft, spacecraft and helicopters
- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters
- 34741000 - Aircraft equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

- a. Option 1: Additional contract year duration from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027 in accordance with the delivery schedule provided that the Authority exercises such an option by no later than 31st March 2026.
- b. Option 2: A further additional contract year duration from 1st April 2027 to 31st March 2028 in accordance with the delivery schedule provided that the Authority exercises such an option by no later than 31st March 2027.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is Very Low (RAR: 405413999)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

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

CHC/648

Title

ELECTRO OPTIC SENSOR TURRET (EOST) SYSTEM STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT (SOR)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 July 2022

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

Leonardo UK Ltd

Basildon

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)

Lowest offer: £6,000,000 / Highest offer: £7,000,000 taken into consideration

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

Ministry of Defence Bristol

MOD Abbey Wood North

Bristol

BS34 8QW

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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