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Award

Provision of a distributed secure system enabling connection of expertise to deployed problem sets. This challenge is focused on how to network digital manufacturing.

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

London

Email

hannah.price107@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk>

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 a distributed secure system enabling connection of expertise to deployed problem sets. This challenge is focused on how to network digital manufacturing.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of a distributed secure system enabling connection of expertise to deployed problem sets. This challenge is focused on how to network digital manufacturing.

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a distributed secure system enabling connection of expertise to deployed problem sets. This challenge is focused on how to network digital manufacturing.

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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

UK Strategic Command (UKStratCom), part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), “The Authority”, intends to award a contract with a value of £150k (ex VAT) to Wippet Ltd for the provision of a distributed, secure, platform for Digital Manufacturing enabling connection of rear based expertise to forward deployed problem sets (the “Platform”). This challenge is focused on how to network digital manufacturing.

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 this contract can be awarded without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Wippet Ltd developed the Platform, building on their existing solution, as a proof of concept under the terms of a previous contract with the Authority. The Platform is a technically advanced solution using a Cloud based solution developed to an Enterprise solution for testing, evaluation and experimentation. Only Wippet Ltd therefore has access to the technical specifications, design and technical information, expertise, knowledge and know-how necessary to now develop the Platform to a full defence capability.

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

701578414

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

Wippit Ltd

Bedford

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: £150,000

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

Ministry of Defence

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London

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