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Award

Project Talos Phase II

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://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

Project Talos Phase II

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73436000 - Test and evaluation of military electronic systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A hardware subscription service to provide the perimeter security system, inclusive of software updates and vendor support.

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: £3,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- CY - Cyprus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The authority is procuring a hardware subscription service to provide the perimeter security system, inclusive of software updates and vendor support. This includes integration of MOD's software "SAPIENT" capable of delivering across the surveillance and perimeter security of Defence. This equipment is versatile, it can be deployed within any of the services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1+1 year contract with option to extend subscription service after year 1. An option to move equipment from UK to Cyprus is also included.

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:

1. The jHub team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a two-year contract from September 2021 to September 2023 with the value of £3.8m ex. VAT to Anduril Industries Inc. (Anduril) to provide a perimeter security system. The authority is procuring a hardware subscription service to provide the perimeter security system, inclusive of software updates and vendor support. This includes integration of MOD's software "SAPIENT" capable of delivering across the surveillance and perimeter security of Defence. This equipment is versatile, it can be deployed within any of the services due to Anduril having the capability to configure the equipment to a specification required by a branch.
2. It is considered the contract can be awarded using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contact notice pursuant to regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of Public Contract Regulations 2015 and regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.
3. Anduril's integrated security system is novel, powerful and, if successfully implemented and realised, could be as transformational for the character and conduct of war as the emergence of mechanisation, flight and wireless communication. Anduril's offer is not currently wholly replicated by any other single supplier, nor is it likely to be within the next five years given the current landscape. The UK stands to lose its relative competitive edge if Anduril's offer is widely adopted or replicated by allies and or matched in impact by the UK's adversaries before the UK does so. The optionality of adopting such a solution will rapidly dwindle if the UK wishes to retain its current relative influence and non-nuclear deterrent potential .
4. There does not appear to be a comparator suite of capabilities available from potential competitors in the Defence Sector. The few Defence primes that are offering open architecture integrated command and control solutions along similar lines to Anduril's integration software (Lattice), are not as far up the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) ladder. No other company is offering a combination of a "Lattice" style interface and a suite of compatible by design autonomous sensor platforms.

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

2 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

Anduril Industries, inc.

Irvine

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,800,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

MOD

London

Country

United Kingdom