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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://des.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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of block release degree course in Ordnance, Munitions & Explosives

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: £818,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL18 - Swansea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Block release degree course for DE&S employees.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- 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 Secretary of State for Defence intends to award a 5-year contract to the University of Wales Trinity St David (“UWTSD”) for the provision of a block release Ordnance, Munitions & Explosives degree course from August 2024 until July 2029 for Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) employees. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319), this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons and that the service comes under a Light Touch Regime category listed in Schedule 3.

DE&S have been sending apprentices to UWTSD on the OME degree course for the last 5 years and is aiming to award a new 5-year contract for DE&S apprentice to continue or start their studies. The course is funded, in the main, by the Apprenticeship Levy, which UWTSD’s course is the only Level 6 course of its type, to qualify for this funding.

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

Contract No

TEST/ENG/0006

Title

Provision of OME Professional Apprenticeship

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 July 2024

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

University of Wales Trinity St David

Swansea

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL18 - Swansea

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £818,000 / Highest offer: £818,000 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

Country

United Kingdom