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Award

SPMAP/0107

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Filton

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK - South West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://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

SPMAP/0107

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Modification and update to address obsolescence issues on radio equipment currently fitted to N3 Dauphin platform

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: £185,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Dauphin (N3) AH Mk1 platform is fitted with the Sepura SRG 3500.

Airwave will be wholly replaced by the Home Office led Emergency Services Network (ESN), with Airwave being decommissioned in Dec 2024

Special Projects Multi Air Platforms (SPMAP) DT are required to ensure the sustainment of the Airwave radio capability until 2024 when ESN will become active. The requirement is to replace the legacy Airwave radios with those procured through a separate project.

The Authority intends to contract Chelton, as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Control Head units, to conduct the software uplift required for the Control Heads, and complete the Airwave Reference Testing to deliver a fully certified system that can operate on the extant network.

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

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:

The Control Head Unit utilised on the N3 platform provides the user interface for the Airwave radio. Currently this is the CH150-14 TETRA Single Head Controller, with Chelton as the Original Equipment Manufacturer. The software utilised to control the radios which is hosted on the CH150-14 Control Head is Chelton proprietary property for which Chelton solely own the Intellectual Property (IP) rights. The associated TETRA end software utilised to programme the control heads is also Chelton IP. The software installed in the current N3 Control Heads is not compatible with the SRG 3900 and requires updating in order to operate the replacement Airwave capability. Therefore, as Chelton own the IP for the software on the Control Head Units, they are the only organisation that can hold appropriate DAOS-approvals to conduct the necessary upgrade and subsequent TETRA Airwave certification of the newly configured radio system

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 (DSPCR) it is considered there is appropriate technical reasons for a Single Source Contract with Chelton for the Control Head software uplift and delivery of a certified system.

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

SPMAP/0107

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 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

Chelton Limited

Marlow

SL7 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

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: £185,000

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

Defence Equipment & Support, SPMAP Delivery Team

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