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## **In Service Support/Post Design Services for Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA)**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

In Service Support/Post Design Services for Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA)

Reference number

701575537

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72212131 - Aviation ground support software development services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA) is a ground based Mission Planning System (MPS) providing computerised support to Typhoon, Hercules, Storm Shadow, Hawk TMk1 and Hawk TMk2 aircrew and operational analysts for mission planning, rehearsal and debriefing. As a system affecting air safety, it is required to comply with the relevant Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Regulatory Articles (RA).. The Contract will see a gradual de-scoping of the requirement as platforms are made out of service.

The Air Platform Systems Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to let a new, single source, Qualifying Defence Contract (QDC) with DXC Technology, for the Provision of In-Service Support and Post Design Services for AMPA; for three (3) years (1st April 2022 - 31st March 2025) with a one (1) year irrevocable option period (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

#### **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: £15,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Contract provides support to the Advanced Mission Planning Aid is a ground-based computer system used by C130J, Typhoon, Hawk TMk1 and TMk2 aircrew, and Storm Shadow analysts to plan, rehearse and debrief missions. It's a planning system used pre-mission to calculate optimum routes, performance data (e.g. fuel burn), weapon release points, parachute drop points and post-mission to debrief/analyse the flown sortie. The Contract will see a gradual de-scoping of the requirement as platforms are made out of service.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Criterion: Acceptable Quality Compliance 80

Criterion: Acceptable Price 20

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 Year Option

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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
- 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 Air Platform Systems (APS) team, part of the Ministry of Defence intend to place a 3 year Contract, plus 1 option with DXC Technology for the support of an In Service Support and Post Design Services for the Advanced Mission Planning Aid (AMPA). There will be one year option within the contract for further support if required.

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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a(ii)) of the DSPCR 2011 due to technical reasons. The Authority does not hold technical data in the system that would enable a competent third party to carry out the work in a way that would be within the safety case for the aircraft, and unqualified work on the mission planning system presents an operational air safety issue. Therefore this is the only supplier able to fulfil the requirement.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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**

24 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**

DXC Technology

Royal Pavilion, Wellesley Road

Aldershot, Hampshire

GU11 1PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £15,000,000

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Air Platform Systems, Defence, Equipment and Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom