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## **VTN 704456454 - DDSFTW076 Northrop Grumman Software License Agreement**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-035933

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Corsham

#### **Contact**

James Bibby

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk>

#### **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**

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

- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Dynamic Software and Enterprise team (DSET) within Defence Digital, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a two-year contract with Northrop Grumman UK Ltd ("NG") for NG Software Licence Support and respective Engineering Support Services. The software licensing and engineering support under the proposed Contract allows the provision of a critical NG application to host the C4ISR Toolset which is the mandated PJHQ J3 repository for world-wide significant operational events. This is a critical system for provision of the information environment for UK operations worldwide.

#### **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: £4,300,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

### **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

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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

Explanation:

For technical reasons the contract may only be awarded to NG since only they own all associated technical background and IPR related to the licenses and support required. In addition, because of this, only NG can provide the 3rd & 4th line support required. This opportunity is further restricted by ITAR regulations, under which only NG are able to support this application. No other provider could deliver the requirement in the time and cost envelope required and without introducing unacceptable interoperability risk. As the service is currently operationally in-use across a vast range of assets any immediate change in provider would leave an unacceptable capability gap.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

704456454

### **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**

5 August 2022

**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**

Northrop Grumman

Leander House

Fareham

PO15 7AZ

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: £4,300,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

All or certain subcontracts will be awarded through a competitive procedure

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Ministry of Defence, Defence Digital

Corsham

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Country

United Kingdom