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Provision of Opus Suite Software Training and Support

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eae5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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

Provision of Opus Suite Software Training and Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212931 - Training software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Opus Suite Software Training and Support 3 years

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: £950,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72242000 - Design-modelling services
- 80533100 - Computer training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Opus Suite Software Training and Support

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: . .

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year options

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

- 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 Support Services programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a three-year contract (plus two optional years – total potential contract

term 5 years) for the annual upgrade, technical support and training of the Authority's existing OPUS10, SIMLOX,CONNECT and CATLOC software (The OPUS Modelling Suite) , held under perpetual licence with Systecon UK Ltd, the UK subsidiary of Systecon AB (Sweden), the original developers of this suite of software.

The Opus Modelling Suite validated, verified and approved by MoD is commonly used by Allied Nations and Industry partners for spares optimisation, allowing continuity of information flow and effective interoperability. The tool enables MoD to simulate, optimise and evaluate the Support Chain of our major equipment, platforms and sub-systems based on a variety of performance measures and cost throughout the CADMID(T) life cycle, allowing simulation of scenarios with different logistic support solutions and operations

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(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

The MoD already holds perpetual user licences to use this suite of proprietary Systecon modelling software, and to ensure that this software remains validated and verified for its intended task, this needs to be upgraded and supported by the original developers of the software and licence provider. This is because only Systecon has access to the technical know-how and source data necessary to undertake the work required under the contract. Both the technical support and upgrade work and the training element of this requirement can only be provided by Systecon UK Ltd as sales, support, training and consultancy is provided by Systecon UK Limited, as Systecon AB (Sweden)'s sole authorised supplier of Opus Suite support and training in the UK. In this regard no other UK organisation has legitimate access to the Opus Suite software, nor the expertise or authority to meet the MoD's requirements.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 July 2023

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

Systecon (UK) Ltd

Norfolk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £950,000

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

DE&S, Abbey Wood, Bristol

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom