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Award

Future Portfolio Assessment Phase - Initial Enablers

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

PA-004

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75221000 - Military defence services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons produced by MBDA UK Ltd.

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: £5,230,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons produced by MBDA UK Ltd.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Complex Weapons Future Portfolio Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), which is a part of the UK Ministry of Defence (the Authority), intends to place an 18 month Assessment Phase contract with MBDA UK Ltd to assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons.

It is considered that this contract is exempt from the application of the DSPCR in accordance with Article 346(1)(b) of the TFEU (as it was launched prior to 31 December 2020), for reasons connected with the protection of essential security interests, namely the continuation of the UK's Operational Advantage and Freedom of Action.

These national security interests necessitate the Authority maintaining a sustainable sovereign industrial base for the supply of Complex Weapons. Only MBDA UK Ltd, as the Authority's predominant supplier of heavyweight Complex Weapons, has the necessary in-depth technical knowledge, specific know-how, designs, and production facilities at its disposal to provide the required portfolio of products and services.

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

PA-004

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

28 July 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

MBDA UK Ltd

Stevenage

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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: £5,230,000

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

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