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Award

708294450 - Biathlon Rifles

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ebe1

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrcITeam@mod.gov.uk

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

708294450 - Biathlon Rifles

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35321200 - Rifles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of Biathlon Rifles including but not limited to harnesses and casing.

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: £912,500

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Dismounted Close Combat Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to let a single-source contract with KCSR Limited for the partial replacement for the current in-service fleet of 1827F Biathlon Rifles for use in the Army’s “Winter Games” competition. This procurement will complete the update of the fleet from old variant models to new.

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

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:

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Article 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Authority requires these rifles as partial replacement for the current in-service fleet of 1827F Biathlon Rifles for use in the Army's "Winter Games" competition.

The Authority is unable to accommodate weapons from an alternative supplier as this would result in goods being supplied which would have different technical characteristics to those already in service, effecting the interoperability of the rifles. This would result in technical difficulties with incompatibility between existing and new weapons and accessories.

KCSR Limited is the exclusive UK distributor for the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the 1827 Biathlon Rifle. In these circumstances the Authority considers that competition is absent for technical reasons.

Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate.

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

31 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

KCSR Limited

Upton Cross, Liskeard, Cornwall

Cornwall

PL14 5BQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £912,500

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is not a commitment to contract and contract award will be subject to financial approval.

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom