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RPAS/0001 - Protector Training Conduct

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

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

RPAS/0001 - Protector Training Conduct

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80630000 - Training and simulation in military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Training Services on the MQ-9B Protector

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: 25,906,592 USD

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- US - United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of initial training services on MQ-9B Protector

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

- 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 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a Contract to General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc (“GA-ASI”) for the delivery of the Protector Training Conduct to train the initial 33 mission crews. The contract duration is for a period of 19 months from September 2022 until March 2024, with a value of \$25.9M.

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 due to technical reasons.

This is because the Protector design, modifications, certification and training activities are based upon Certifiable Predator B (CPB) platform which GA-ASI are the designer and only manufacturer. This means GA-ASI are the only supplier with the required knowledge of the system and are the only supplier capable of providing and delivering the training needed on this contract.

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

RPAS/0001

Title

Protector Training Conduct

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

General Atomic Aeronautical Systems

14200 Kirkham Way

Poway

CA 92064

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: 25,906,592 USD

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

Defence Equipment and Supprt

Bristol

Country

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