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712395451 - MID LIFE IMPROVEMENT OF L129A1 (Sharpshooter rifle)

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0485f5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

DE&S Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat, MOD Abbey Wood

Bristol

BS34 8JH

Email

DESLESTSP-DCC-Comrcl@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

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Reference number

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority intends to award a contract to LEI Ltd for Midlife Improvement / conversion of the UK Armed Forces in-service fleet of L129A1 Sharpshooter rifle to the L129A2 variant.

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: £20,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority intends to award a contract to LEI Ltd for Midlife Improvement / conversion of the UK Armed Forces in-service fleet of L129A1 Sharpshooter rifle to the L129A2 variant.

This contract seeks to address obsolescence, availability of spares, and improvements to performance of the L129A1 rifle, resulting in the modified weapon becoming known as L129A2 variant.

The contract shall include the additional procurement of the L129A2 variant to maintain the Total Fleet Requirement (TFR). It is not the Authority's intention to increase the TFR or replace the current fleet with an alternative weapon system.

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:

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 Regulation 16 (1) (a) ii of the Defence Security and Public Contract Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

The Authority seeks to place a contract with LEI Ltd who has the technical knowledge, knowhow, skills, history of the weapons and tools necessary to address the requirements of the MLI. Only LEI ltd can Maintain and underwrite the associated Safety Case, technical documentation, the configuration management to avoid mixed fleet of the weapons without the Authority incurring an unacceptable level of risk and associated cost.

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

712395451

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

30 July 2024

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

Law Enforcement International Ltd

PO Box 328,

St Albans, Herts,

AL4 0WA

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: £20,000,000

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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