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Award

29 month in-service support to the Joint Common Remote Viewing Terminal (JCRVT)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.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**

29 month in-service support to the Joint Common Remote Viewing Terminal (JCRVT)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The TacSys Service Executive (SE) within Defence Digital, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to place with L3Harris Communications Systems UK Limited a 29-month contract for the provision of Level 4 technical support services to Joint Common Remote Viewing Terminal (JCRVT).

The JCRVT capability provides a mobile capability which is flexible and configurable to securely receive and transmit digital and analogue Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR), specifically Full Motion Video

(FMV) in real time, including associated Meta data at two protective markings (OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE and

SECRET).

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: £2,564,166.67

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The In-Service support to JCRVT shall provide:

- detailed engineering/technical support and guidance

to the Authority on product design and operational use, maintenance and updates to JCRVT

- publications (Army Equipment Support Publications (AESPs), training courseware and Safety Assessment

Report (SAR)),

- management of shared data store to assist with configuration control of documents,
- obsolescence management (down to component level) to assist the Authority with ensuring the equipment remains available to the User until any major refresh is planned or required;
- provision of Post Design Services (PDS) via a tasking form arrangement, potentially to rectify an obsolescence issues

and/or provision of technical information to another MOD Delivery Team with regard to the integration

of JCRVT with other MOD capabilities.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Radio Software update

Army Equipment Support Publication review and rewrite

Obsolescence review and rewrite

Safety and/or Environmental Review

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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 of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 (DSPCR)) due to technical reasons. Following the competitive procedure, the Authority awarded the JCRVT manufacture and support contract to L3Harris in 2016; L3Harris are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and have the specific technical skills, know-how and experience in providing the necessary Contractor Technical Support and Services to support

and upgrade the equipment when required. They are also the only supplier who have access to the

product design information to enable them to undertake any support and design modifications to the

JCRVT system. Choosing to compete this requirement would introduce the possibility of contravention

of the Defence Safety Authority (DSA) regulations as it would not be possible to ensure that another

contractor could be sufficiently qualified within the requisite timeframes to undertake design and

manufacture activities without including an associated unacceptable level of risk. This would result in

the Authority not being able to fulfil safety requirements which are required to ensure the safe functioning of the User community. Due to the above reasons the requirement will continue as a single

source requirement.

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

23 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

L3Harris Communications Systems UK Limited

Unit 1 Dingley Way

Farnborough

GU14 6FF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

00173103

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,564,166.67

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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