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Procurement of Target RPAS

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

Porton Down

SALISBURY

SP40JQ

Email

PLS-Transparency@dstl.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Procurement of Target RPAS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35210000 - Targets for shooting practice

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), complete with relevant programming software, batteries, battery charges and required training for listed items.

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: £203,172.07

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase of Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), complete with relevant programming software, batteries, battery charges and required training for listed items.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL), part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract to Level Peaks Associates Limited, for supply of a Remote Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) manufactured by Boresight Pty Ltd (Boresight) to be used to support testing of the UK's Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) capability. The contract will include the supply of programming software, batteries, battery chargers and training. The contract will be for 3 months and have an estimated value of £203,172.07.

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for technical reasons.

This is because Boresight has confirmed that Level Peaks is the exclusive UK distributor of its RPAS. This RPAS is the only system considered to satisfy MoD's technical requirements relating to programmability (to be able to detect, react to and evade C-UAS frequency jamming activity) and to currently conform to Civil Aviation Authority and Military Airworthiness Authority standards, such that it is able to meet MoD's timescales for capability testing, scheduled for Autumn of this year.

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

9 August 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

Level Peaks

Hereford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

06379641

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: £203,172.07

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Central Legal Services

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom