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Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0489e3

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

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#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71356300 - Technical support services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Development of a technical Position Navigation and Timing (PNT) Policy is a key underpinning activity to enable the UK PNT Project Office (UK PNT PO) to deliver comprehensive and assured advice and guidance across Defence. With the current roadmap indicating a move to a PNT JSP in this Financial Year (24/25), there is a need for additional subject matter expertise, given the lack of Space DT Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and availability of DSTL SMEs, to enable robust review of the policy throughout its development to ensure the broad scope of the varying directives and guidance are accurately captured, only achievable by a coherent overarching review.

#### 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: £48,000

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Defence Standard – Mandatory Security Requirements of M-code/SAASM GPS Receiver Systems for UK MOD and Defence Contractors
- 2) PNT Management Plan
- 3) Generic SRD for multiple levels of an ‘assured PNT system’.
- 4) Newly published Knowledge in Defence (KiD) PNT content.
- 5) JSP 491 leaflet M-Code crypto considerations.
- 6) Support to a PNT JSP being staffed by UK StratCom.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Draft a DIN introducing the SAASM Extended Functions and the advice on how to benefit from these capabilities to the GPS PPS User.

## **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:

Border Consulting hold valuable expertise on technical security on US military GPS applications and experience with developing policy for MOD. The policies with which the Authority requires support need to be reviewed within a short timeframe, thereby rendering it impractical to use alternative suppliers due to the added time and cost it would take for them to fully understand the scope of the requirement. Contracting directly with Border Consulting demonstrates better value for money, in terms of time and cost, as personnel within Border Consulting were the author(s) of the original version of the security requirements document 'Security Procedures and Safety Aspects for the use of GPS NAVSTAR By UK Ministry of Defence and Defence Contractors', which is being incorporated and re-written into a new MOD Defstan this year.

It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(b)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 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

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## **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**

Border Consulting

Bristol

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: £48,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Space DT

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom