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## **the supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02eb24

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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Telford

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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

Main address

[www.babcockinternational.com](http://www.babcockinternational.com)

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

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

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

the supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries

Reference number

IRM21/7565

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35400000 - Military vehicles and associated parts

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries

#### **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: £34,880,000

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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

Babcock Land Defence Ltd, acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to negotiate a 2 year contract with 2 x 1 year options with Cook Defence Systems Ltd for the supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries

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

Criterion: Commercial compliance and price 100

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year options

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **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:**

Babcock Land Defence Ltd, acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to negotiate a 2 year contract plus 2 x 1 year options with Cook Defence Systems Ltd for the supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries. It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii), Regulation 16(1)(b)(i)(aa) and Regulation 16(1)(b)(i)(bb) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011).

The UK Ministry of Defence requirement is for the supply of interoperable track and ancillaries for AS90, Bulldog, Challenger 2, CRARRV, CVRT, Terrier, Titan, Trojan, Warrior (WR2 Spec) and Stormer and associated items; this requirement is to facilitate the refurbishment and regeneration of the current fleets whilst the implications of the Integrated Review are reviewed and fully understood. The requirement will be met by placing a framework agreement and subject to the advertised contract value.

Cook Defence Systems Ltd are the original manufacturer and the owner of the design drawings/information and technical specifications required to supply these items. Cook Defence Systems Ltd has confirmed that it has not shared and will not share the technical data with any third party (including the UK Ministry of Defence). Without access to this technical data, the UK Ministry of Defence is not in a position to identify the exact technical requirements for the supply of these items; without this technical data and knowledge these items cannot be produced safely and be fully interoperable with existing track to the exact standards as defined in the original design and specification, thereby compromising the integrity of the product on safety and performance grounds. As a result, Cook Defence Systems Ltd is the only company with the technical knowhow to be able to fulfill this requirement.

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest, but a notice of Babcock Land Defence Ltd (acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence) intention to utilise the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication (set out in Regulation 18(2) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) to negotiate a single source contract with Cook Defence Systems Ltd.

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**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**

### **Contract No**

IRM21/7565

### **Title**

The supply of Armoured Vehicle Track & Ancillaries

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 October 2021

#### **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**

Cook Defence Systems Ltd

Stanhope

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC14 - Durham CC

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: £34,880,000

#### **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**

Babcock Land Defence Ltd

Telford

Country

United Kingdom