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Award

Procurement of support to Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Business System Management Tools

Ministry of Defence

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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

<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

Procurement of support to Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Business System Management Tools

Reference number

712522451

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71356300 - Technical support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Defence intends to enter into a services contract with C Data Services Ltd for the maintenance and support of a portfolio of bespoke business system management software applications in support of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £500,000 / Highest offer: £870,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Maintenance and support of a portfolio of bespoke business system management software applications in support of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA).

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 Additional Option Year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) intends to enter into a services contract with C Data Services Ltd for the maintenance and support of a portfolio of bespoke business system management software applications in support of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA), such contract to commence on 1st December 2024 for a duration of 2 years with an option to extend the contract for 1 additional year.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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 (DSPCR) 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 this 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 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR for technical reasons. This is because the business system management software applications were developed for the MOD as bespoke applications by C Data Services Limited, which is the only supplier with access to the necessary software code and other technical data relating to the software applications and having the specialist know-how necessary to perform the services, which are required to enable the continuing operation of the business systems using these software applications.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

712522451

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 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

C Data Limited

Hampshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

National registration number

01980795

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £500,000 / Highest offer: £870,000 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) intends to enter into a services contract with C Data Services Ltd for the maintenance and support of a portfolio of bespoke business system management software applications in support of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA), such contract to commence on 1st December 2024 for a duration of 2 years with an option to extend the contract for 1 additional year. The approximate value of the contract will be £860k including the option year, excluding Value Added Tax.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Bristol

Country

United Kingdom