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Award

EOD Bomb Suit Life Extension

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://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

EOD Bomb Suit Life Extension

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 37414800 - Survival suits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Dismounted Close Combat Survivability team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 'Life Extension of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Bomb Suits' contract to NP Aerospace Limited, for the current in-service EOD bomb suit capability.

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: £15,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence (UK MoD) EOD Bomb Suits provide physical protection for British Forces' users when disarming an explosive device. It is widely regarded as class leading and has provided a high level of protection.

NP Aerospace Limited are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for current in-service EOD Bomb Suits. They are the only economic operator who holds the skills, specific experience, technical data, and tools needed to perform the required analysis and testing on the current in-service EOD suit to underwrite the extension to its operational life.

This may involve obsolescence management and replacement of component parts as deemed necessary to enable the operational life to be extended out to 2035. This requirement does not seek to procure a new capability, it is simply to maintain and extend the life of the current in-service capability.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for five (5) years, with options to extend to ten (10) years.

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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:

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 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 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 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16 (a) (ii) of the DSPCR 2011, which allows requirements to be exempt for Technical Reasons.

This is because NP Aerospace Limited is the OEM and have supported the capability since it came into service in 2006. They are the only economic operator with the technical knowledge, data, specific skills and experience, and tooling and equipment needed to undertake the testing and analysis required to ascertain current protection levels and thereafter effect obsolescence management to maintain and extend the life of the capability.

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

Contract No

712523450

Title

EOD Bomb Suit Life Extension

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 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

NP Aerospace Limited

473 Foleshill Road

Coventry

CV6 5AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £15,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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