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Awarded contract

701577419.1-4 Framework Agreement for the Procurement and Support of an Armalite Rifle (AR) platform

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrclTeam@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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

701577419.1-4 Framework Agreement for the Procurement and Support of an Armalite Rifle (AR) platform

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35321200 - Rifles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

An initial circa £15 million order of 1,620 AIW systems has been placed, with options to procure up to 10,000 systems – totalling circa £90 million - under the contract over the next decade. The systems will initially be fielded to the Army Special Operations Brigade (ASOB) who operate in complex, high threat environments.

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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Alternative Individual Weapon (AIW) system - known as the L403A1 and procured by Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) under Project HUNTER – is made up of a new assault rifle fitted with a muzzle signature reduction system and an improved optical sighting system.

The AIW is a modern rifle using the latest in design technology and manufacturing methods, to produce an exceptionally reliable and accurate weapon. The magnified optic means the user is able to engage threats from greater distances; whilst the signature reduction system works to mask the AIW from detection from sight and hearing.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

701577419.1-4

Title

701577419.1-4-Army Special Operations Brigade Rifle

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 July 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Limited

Cheshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £90,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/59b146a5-0015-4737-8847-2a45f02daf39> - for Redacted Contract documentation and Contract Finder Contract Award Notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Equipment and Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom