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Contract

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

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-026370

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

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrcITeam@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrcITeam@mod.gov.uk)

#### **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

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## **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

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## 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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-018173](#)

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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

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## **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

