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712450451 - M3 Contract Extension

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

712450451 - M3 Contract Extension

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75221000 - Military defence services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In-Service Support to the M3 Amphibious Bridging System

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: £4,240,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In-Service Support to the M3 Amphibious Bridging System

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

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Fires, Infrastructure and Manoeuvre Support (FIMS), part of UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), intends to extend Contract (OIP/0044) for the provision of in-service support for the M3 Amphibious Bridging System (a Wide Wet Gap Crossing Capability (WWGCC)). The contract extension will be placed with General Dynamics European Land Systems – Bridging Systems (GDELS - BS). The M3 in-service support includes provision of spares, Maintenance and Repair Organisation (MRO) repairs, Post Design Services (PDS) and other ad-hoc services.

The Contract Extension will extend the Contract to the 31 March 2027. An estimated total value of this extension will be £4.247M (excluding VAT).

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 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 extension of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

GDELS-BS is the manufacturer of the M3 system and is the only operator that has the required system-specific technical knowledge, information and tools to provide in-service support and ensure the safety of the system. GDELS-BS currently oversees the interoperability of the M3 system for both the German (DE) and British (GBR) Army M3 systems in a Joint Amphibious Engineer Battalion. It is essential that the same supplier maintains both systems to ensure interoperability of the two systems and safe operating procedures. Furthermore, the requirement to undertake Post Design Service activities, manufacture spares and to undertake repairs within the equipment's life is not possible for an alternative supplier to undertake.

For the above reasons, there is not another supplier in the market who can provide a technical support service to the M3 Amphibious bridge

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 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

General Dynamic European Land Systems - Bridging Systems

Kaiserslautern

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DEB32 - Kaiserslautern, Kreisfreie Stadt

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £4,247,000 / Highest offer: £4,247,000 taken into consideration

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

MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom