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ASH In-Service Support

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

ASH In-Service Support

Reference number

703980455

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72300000 - Data services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Contract is for the In-Service Support of ASH which is a repository for safety critical information on unexploded ordinance (UXO) for use in the support of the Armed Services of the United Kingdom, in the rendering safe and disposal of UXO worldwide.

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: £2,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48731000 - File security software package
- 48732000 - Data security software package
- 48750000 - Storage media loading software package
- 48771000 - General utility software package

- 48781000 - System management software package
- 48782000 - Storage management software package
- 48783000 - Content management software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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
- 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:

The Specialist Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search (EOD&S), Exploitation & Countermeasures (“SEEC”) Delivery Team, part of Defence Equipment & Support (“DE&S”) within the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a three-and-a-half-year contract to DXC Technology (“DXC”) for the In-Service Support of Command & Control Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Identification System, named “ASH”, with an estimated contract value of £2m. ASH is a repository for safety critical information on UXO for use in the support of the Armed Services of the United Kingdom, in the rendering safe and disposal of unexploded ordnance (UXO) worldwide. The requirement for ASH is OFFICIAL SENSITIVE but the physical computer-based system and its incorporated information operates at SECRET UK EYES ONLY. It is considered that this contract shall be placed using the regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 for technical reasons as when, for technical reasons, the contract may be awarded only to a particular economic operator.

It is impractical to contract for this work with any supplier other than DXC, who have managed the in-service support of ASH since its introduction to service in 1996. As the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and as the designers and developers of the electronic architecture that underpins the system, DXC have a unique technical know-how and understanding of the electronic architecture that underpins the system. Contracting with a third party to undertake support to this requirement would introduce an unacceptable level of technical risk that will negatively impact the successful delivery of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Military Aid to Civilian Authorities (MACA) and Contingent Operations. DXC are the only suppliers with the technical expertise to deliver the ASH system to the required technical specification to the satisfaction of the Authority.

The Authority is in the early stages of understanding the scope for a replacement capability beyond the ASH Out of Service Date (OSD) of 31 March 2026. Further information on that requirement shall be issued in due course.

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

703980455

Title

ASH In-Service Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 September 2022

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

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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: £2,200,000

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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