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Contract

Support to Mission Planning Environment (MPE) Trials

Lightning Delivery Team

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-026975

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03fc1e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.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

Support to Mission Planning Environment (MPE) Trials

Reference number

705830450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72261000 - Software support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Software trials and integration support

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: £2,545,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Software trials and integration support

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options for extended duration and for additional Work Packages

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Lightning Delivery Team (LDT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to BAE Systems (Operations) Limited ('BAES') to provide support to Mission Planning Environment (MPE) software integration. This will involve the running of software trials and developing reports to provide the Authority with evidence to support its safety assurance on the MPE software developed under the Lightning Programme. This evidence then forms the basis of the Authority's safety case approvals.

It is considered that this requirement can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011. The Lightning Programme Prime Contractor, Lockheed Martin, will only share in-depth software details with BAES due to their position within the Programme. BAES possesses accreditation from LM and the US Government which enables them to access the software in accordance with security requirements. To conduct the level of safety assurance the Authority requires an independent organisation needs to have in-depth access to the software. No independent contractor other than BAES would have such access. Significant additional risk would be carried in the operation of the Lightning without the level of assurance in the software that is provided by BAES. BAES have a representative test environment in which this software can be integrated with Lightning hardware and software to provide further assurance on the new MPE software.

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

Contract No

705830450

Title

Support to Mission Planning Environment (MPE) Trials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd – Air

BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd – Air – US Programmes, S608, Samlesbury, Lancashire,
BB2 7LF

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BB2 7LF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,545,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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