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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80660000 - Training and simulation in military electronic systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Training and support to the Training equipment for the PGTE and TTS simulators

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: £14,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80610000 - Training and simulation in security equipment
- 80620000 - Training and simulation in firearms and ammunition
- 80660000 - Training and simulation in military electronic systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK and Germany

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

PGTE training systems are used in all phases of training, initial conversion, career progression and annual skills training for Challenger 2 (CR2) crews. The training progresses from Computer Based Training (CBT) through to Part Task Trainers (PTT's) for Driver and Gunner, through to high fidelity simulators for, Driver, Gunner and Loader Training. These simulators are used in developing individual skills and can be used in linked mode allowing CR2 crews to train in platoon level as they would operate the real platform. The PGTE is used by the regiments to achieve a "synthetic pass" in gunnery training and a pre-requisite prior to the live fire training as defined in the Armed Fighting Vehicle Operational Shooting Policy (AOSP).

TERRIER is a simulator operating on a motion platform with real time visuals projected on 360-degree screens for simulating the real world. The Mission Crew Trainer (MCT (Full Terrier Crew System)) is used to train crew for Driving and Special to Role (STR) tasks utilising the Front Loader System (FLS) and Excavator Arm System (EAS). It can be operated by the crew heads out or closed-down and in different operating scenarios and conditions. Remote Control Trainer functionality is embedded within the MCT. This enables TERRIER Crewmen to develop the competency to carry out driving and STR tasks in a variety of environmental and ground conditions by remote control.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year extensions

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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 Training and Simulation Systems Programme (TSSP) Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to place a three-year follow on contract with an additional 2x1 year option years with Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) (the Contract). The Contract will be for the provision of Post Design Services (PDS) and Contractor Logistic Support (CLS), including obsolescence management for the Precision Gunnery Training Equipment (PGTE) and Terrier Training Simulators. The anticipated contract value of the core requirement is 14M GBP (inclusive of the 2 Option years) exclusive of VAT.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this Contract 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 award of this 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.

PGTE has been Inservice for 22 years & TTS for 16 years, therefore, there is a challenge of maintaining an ageing equipment. The TTS system needs obsolescence management and upgrades to be built within the life of the contract. As the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority for the PGTE and TTS System, RBSL is the only economic operator with the necessary technical know-how and expertise (including production manuals and drawings) required to perform the Contract. Further, RBSL is the only entity with unrestricted access to the underlying deliverable software and source material without which the requirement cannot be performed.

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

711552451(TSSP/147)

Title

Precision Gunnery Training Equipment (PGTE) & Terrier Training System (TTS) for Contractor Logistic Support (CLS) & Post Design Services (PDS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 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

Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land

Hadley Castle Works PO Box 106

Telford

TF1 6QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £14,000,000

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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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