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Award

Active Conductor Licences

Defence Equipment & Support

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f0fd

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Active Conductor Licences

Reference number

701027380

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212218 - License management software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of Active Conductor Licences – to be used by Babcock International Group to connect to the MOD systems only

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: £55,552

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Main site or place of performance

Telford and Wrekin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

320 x Active Conductor Licences – to be used by Babcock International Group to connect to the MOD systems only

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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The NDL Server emulator, is hosted by Boeing Defence, and managed under contract ref LOGNEC1/0001. It is a Gateway from either the RLI or MODNET into the SS3 server in Corsham so that users can access data/systems etc. The only way in which any individual (industry & MOD) can access the server (via the NDL Server emulator) is with a current NDL Metaskype Active Conductor Licence. Due to the remote access (RLI) by Babcock (the Authority's agent), individual Active Conductor user licences for the period 04 Oct 2021 – 30 Sep 2022 are required by Babcock personnel at 10 x different locations in order for those personnel to carry out the Inventory, Repair and Management (IR&M) function in support of Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) as contracted within the Service Provision and Transformation Contract (SPTC) on Stores System 3 (SS3). The identified supplier, NDL, are the only source of the NDL TE products which are required in order to access SS3 by Babcock Land Defence Limited. Any and all access to SS3 requires an NDL Active Conductor license, and NDL do not have any resellers nor distributors able to offer this product. Installation of any alternative product would require substantial re-design and implementation work by BDUK and T&I by MODNET, which would represent an unfeasible level of additional technical risk. As they are the sole provider of these licences, NDL is the only supplier capable of meeting this requirement. The total cost of this of the licenses is £55,552.00 (ex-VAT). As NDL are the only provider able to provide the individual Active Conductor user licences, the Authority intends to place enter into a negotiated procedure without prior publication with NDL for technical reasons.

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

701655452

Title

Active Conductor Licences

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 October 2021

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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Wetherby

LS22 5DZ

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info@ndl.co.uk

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+44 1937543500

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

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: £52,920

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Service Management Function

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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