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## **Contractor Logistics Support for the MP7 Weapon**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Contractor Logistics Support for the MP7 Weapon

Reference number

701604450

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

On behalf of the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), the Authority intends to award a contract to NSAF Ltd for a Contractor Logistics Support contract in respect of the MP7 weapon in-service with the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and Sovereign Base Areas Police Cyprus (SBAP). This contract is for a support & repair service that consist of management activities, routine weapon inspections and the provision of scheduled and unscheduled repairs/maintenance, as required. This contract will also include the ability to procure additional weapons & spares, if required. The contract will be for a 3-year period, with an option to extend for a further 2-years.

#### **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: £1,100,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35321200 - Rifles

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This contract will provide a logistics support service for the MP7 fleet of weapons, that will ensure the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and Sovereign Base Areas Police Cyprus (SBAP) can meet their continued capability needs. This contract will encompass a range of management support services, ensure inspection and repairs of the fleet of weapons in the UK and overseas are performed, and include the procurement of additional in-service weapons and spares, if required.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options will be available on the contract to procure additional in-service MP7 weapons & spares. An option will be available to extend the term of the contract for a further 2-year period.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## 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:

On behalf of the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and Sovereign Base Areas Police Cyprus (SBAP), the Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a 3-year contract with an option to extend for a further 2-years, with NSAF Ltd for the Contractor Logistics Support of the MP7 Weapon.

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 award 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 due to technical reasons.

This is because NSAF Ltd is the UK subsidiary of Heckler & Koch GmbH, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the weapon, and is the only entity the Authority is able to contract with that has access to the necessary technical information for the MP7 weapon comprised in this contract. NSAF Ltd are the only economic entity with the capability necessary to provide the required support services and repairs to ensure it complies with the endorsed specification and maintains the operational performance and effectiveness of the weapon.

As part of the Contract, should the Authority wish to procure additional weapons and/or spares during the term of the contract, the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to 16(1)(b)(i) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons will apply. As stated above, NSAF Ltd

is the only entity which the Authority is able to contract with that has access to the technical information and capabilities required to manufacture the weapon and associated spares to ensure its safe and suitable for service. A change of supplier would oblige MDP/SBAP to field a fleet of weapons with different technical characteristics that will affect the interoperability and safety of the weapon. Having users that were trained and operating similar weapons with different characteristics would lead to an unacceptable level of safety risk with the operational performance of the rifles, even if additional configuration control measures, training measures, supplementary technical documentation and user manuals were in place.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Contract No**

701604450

#### **Title**

Contractor Logistics Support for MP7 Weapon

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 November 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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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,100,000

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#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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

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