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## **LEI Combined Support Contract**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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United Kingdom

**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**

LEI Combined Support Contract

Reference number

701576503

#### **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**

The Authority intends to award a contract to Law Enforcement International Ltd for the provision of combined support, supply and repair services in respect of the in-service sharpshooter rifles. The contract will be for a 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and will enable the procurement of additional in-service rifles, if required.

#### **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: £4,000,000

### **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 combination of support, supply and repair services for the in-service fleet of sharpshooter rifles, that will ensure the UK Armed Forces Commands can meet their enduring and future capability needs. This contract will include the provision of a technical support service and enable the procurement of additional in-service rifles, 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 rifles. There will not be an option available to extend the term of the contract.

#### **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:

The Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a 5-year contract from January 2022 with Law Enforcement International Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of the in-service sharpshooter rifles that includes a technical support service and the provision to procure additional in-service rifles, if required.

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 Law Enforcement International Ltd are the exclusive UK Agent for the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) and are the only economic entity with access to the necessary technical information, knowledge and expertise, for the rifle comprised in this contract. Law Enforcement International Ltd are the only economic entity with the capability and access necessary to provide the required technical support to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification and maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the weapons.

As part of the Contract, should the Authority wish to procure additional rifles during the term of the contract, Law Enforcement International Ltd is the only supplier able to supply the current in-service rifles. A change of supplier would oblige the Authority to acquire different rifles with different technical characteristics that would affect the interoperability of the rifles. 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**

701576503

### **Title**

LEI Combined Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 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**

Law Enforcement International Ltd

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St Albans, Herts

AL4 0WA

Email

[lei@lei.co.uk](mailto:lei@lei.co.uk)

Telephone

+44 1727826607

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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: £4,000,000

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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.4.2) 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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