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Contract

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

Ministry of Defence

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f74d

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

NCHQ, Leach Building, HMS Excellent

Portsmouth

PO2 8BY

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.mod.uk

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

Reference number

708915452

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation Mobile App for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

48

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

708915452

Title

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

5 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

HPO Technologies Ltd

1-3 Grosvenor Arch, Battersea

London

SW11 8AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £1,798,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

Provision of Guided Physical Preparation Mobile App for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM)

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

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VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,798,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

HPO Technologies Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to modify an existing contract with HPO Technologies Limited, under Contract Reference 708915452 for the provision of a mobile application (App) that provides Guided Physical Preparation for Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marine (RM) Candidates, to include a bespoke extension to the existing Royal Navy App, under the Digital Dolphins Programme, that will enhance candidate engagement and retention. It is considered that the award of the contract modification without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended (in particular by Statutory Instrument 2020/1319)) because it constitutes a permitted modification under that regulation. This is because these additional functions have become necessary and to introduce a change of contractor at this stage cannot be made for economic and technical reasons as only HPO Technologies Limited has the necessary technical knowledge and proprietary design information to integrate with the existing mobile application. To introduce a change in Contractor at this stage would cause significant inconvenience, delays, and substantial duplication of cost for the MOD.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

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VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £96,300

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,894,300