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The Repair of Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated Assemblies

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Building B15, MoD Donnington

Telford

TF2 8JT

Email

IRMProcurementRepairTeam@babcockinternational.com

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.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

The Repair of Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated Assemblies

Reference number

IRM19/7330

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50660000 - Repair and maintenance services of military electronic systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Babcock Land Defence Ltd, acting as the UK Ministry of Defence's agent, intends to negotiate an amendment to an existing single source contract (Ref. No. IRM19/7330) with Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) for the safety critical modification of a fixed quantity of Commanders Control Handles to the latest build standard in line with the existing Contract Terms and Conditions. The value of the contract amendment is £1.925m.

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: £1,925,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- FR101 - Paris

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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It is considered that this amendment to contract can be undertaken using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 for technical reasons because:

- a. RBSL are the Design Authority for the vehicle platform who undertook the Post Design Service Activity to address safety concerns. RBSL therefore have access to the design drawing/information, technical specifications and technical expertise required to modify and undertake proof testing of these articles to the latest specification.
- b. Due to the safety critical nature of the materiel, there would be significant safety and quality risks associated with repairing items with no technical / repair specifications. RBSL are the only supplier who has access to this technical data to negate the safety and quality risks. As the articles are safety critical to the operation of the platform, the articles must be repaired and modified in accordance with the relevant technical specifications in order to meet operational safety requirements.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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:

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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

IRM19/7330

Title

The Repair of Line Replacement Units (LRU's) and Associated Assemblies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 March 2023

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

Telford

TF1 6QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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: £1,925,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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