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Contract

Provision of OME Professional Apprenticeships

Defence Equipment & Support

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049afe

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Provision of OME Professional Apprenticeships

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Block release degree course.

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: £817,500

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL18 - Swansea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Block release training for up to 6 new students per year on 5 year degree course.

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

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to award a 5-year contract to the University of Wales Trinity St David (“UWTSD”) for the provision of a block release Ordnance, Munitions & Explosives (OME) degree course from September 2024 until June 2029 for Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) employees. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319), this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons and that the service comes under a Light Touch Regime category listed in Schedule 3.

UWSTD is the only supplier that provides a Level 6 OME degree course within the UK and furthermore the only one which can meet the Authority’s flexible requirement for practical work when on block learning phases. It is also the only course recognised by the IFATE, a pre-requisite to qualify for funding via the Apprenticeship Levy scheme. Even if there were another provider, for those Authority apprentices currently studying at UWTSD, a change of provider) would be impractical.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

TEST/ENG/0006

Title

TEST/ENG/0006 - Provision of OME Professional Apprenticeships

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Wales Trinity St David

Swansea

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL18 - Swansea

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £817,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom