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Contract

Provision of a Resonant Acoustic Mixer (OmniRAM) and Associated Services

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Ministry of Defence

Porton Down

Salisbury

SP4 0JQ

Contact

Commercial Services

For the attention of

Carlisle Suzanne

Email(s)

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

Address of the buyer profile

www.contract.mod.uk/

Electronic access to information

www.contract.mod.uk/

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

www.contract.mod.uk/

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Provision of a Resonant Acoustic Mixer (OmniRAM) and Associated Services

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Salisbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Contract for the provision of a resonant acoustic mixer (OmniRAM) and associated services

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38810000 - Industrial process control equipment

Additional CPV code(s)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38436000 - Shakers and accessories
- 38436100 - Mechanical shakers
- 38800000 - Industrial process control equipment and remote-control equipment
- 42000000 - Industrial machinery
- 42900000 - Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery

- 42993000 - Chemical industry machinery

II.2) Total final value of contract(s)

II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)

Value: £779,562.50

Excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development: yes

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:

It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because the Resodyn OmniRAM is the only RAM platform of its scale available worldwide to support the manufacture of energetic materials as required by the Authority. A detailed assessment of market capability in the energetics sector – both nationally and internationally – including extensive interaction with international research partners, has been undertaken by Authority subject matter experts to confirm the technical exclusivity of

the equipment.

The OmniRAM will be an enabler for several international research collaboration projects and is an essential requirement in undertaking comparable processing activity that guarantees compatibility in both existing and future research.

The OmniRAM is an essential requirement to ensure that the end-to-end process required by Dstl research programmes is achieved. This process will support the efficient delivery of research projects whilst also providing an increased level of safety in dealing with hazardous materials.

Research of market capability in the energetics sector (as detailed above) has confirmed that there are no alternative solutions which could achieve the required processes. The Contractor is the sole UK/European reseller of the Resodyn OmniRAM system and is therefore the only Contractor that can deliver this requirement for the Authority.

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Price. Weighting 50
2. Compliance with the Authority's Technical Requirements. Weighting 50

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

DSTL/AGR/01261/01

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2021/S 000-016849](#) of 16 July 2021

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

1000164497

V.1) Date of contract award decision

3 November 2021

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

1

Number of offers received by electronic means

1

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

The Falcon Project Limited

25 Withington Drive, Astley

Manchester

M29 7NW

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £779,562.50

Excluding VAT

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: No

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3) Procedures for appeal

VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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