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Award

In-Service Support for SIRS, TREMS and DIREMS

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040bb3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://des.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

In-Service Support for SIRS, TREMS and DIREMS

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

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) team, part of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) organisation within the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to place a replacement 8-year contract (with 2x Option Years) with Ultra Nuclear Ltd as the incumbent and Operating Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). This will maintain the operational capability until the Out of Service Date of April 2032 with additional Options Years if required.

The new contract will ensure the provision of In-Service Support including a technical upgrade / obsolescence mitigation programme which is required on all systems to the Naval Fleet Radiation Monitoring Capability. This comprises of Ship Installed Radiac Systems (SIRS2), Transportable Radiological Emergency Monitoring Systems (TREMS) and Dockside Installed Radiological Emergency Monitoring Systems (DIREMS).

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: £9,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 additional years are optional

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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:
 - o absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

It is considered that the award of this 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 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 (as amended) for Technical Reasons. Ultra Nuclear Ltd as the OEM has the bespoke technical know-how, technical expertise, equipment, and tooling required to perform the services and ensure the continued operational capability of the SIRS 2, TREMS and DIREMS systems. Ultra Nuclear Ltd is the only Supplier with the required customised facilities and testing capabilities that are compliant with the relevant UK safety regulations to ensure fleet operations are maintained.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 September 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

Ultra Nuclear Limited

Winborne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £9,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DE&S

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom