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PROCUREMENT OF MAN PORTABLE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM (MANPADS) TRAINER

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

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

PROCUREMENT OF MAN PORTABLE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM (MANPADS) TRAINER

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35700000 - Military electronic systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of MANPAD (MAST)

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase of MAST MANPAD.

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

- 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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Air Defence & Electronics Warfare Delivery Team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Textron Systems Electronic Systems UK Limited, of 23 Bedford Row London, WC1R 4EB, United Kingdom, to supply a Man-Portable Aircraft Survivability Trainer (MAST), which will be manufactured by Textron Systems Corporation

(Electronic Systems), of 124 Industry Lane, Hunt Valley, MD, 21030, USA.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons; and in accordance with regulation 16(1)(b)(i) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for additional purchase of goods as a partial replacement for existing goods where a change of supplier would oblige the procurer to acquire goods having different technical characteristics, resulting in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance of the existing goods.

This is because there is strict technical impracticality for a supplier other than the chosen supplier to achieve the required goals, and specific interoperability and safety requirements that must be fulfilled to ensure the functioning of the armed forces. Operating two potentially different systems would introduce an additional training requirement and potential safety risk where operator applied safety systems and measures could be inadvertently mixed up. Also, the complexity of MAST and the associated requirements for interoperability of a new MAST and the existing equipment such as the interchangeability of the MAST units themselves, and of parts, programmable aspects and batteries and the tripod, and the need for standardisation of equipment in the defence arena for the reasons set out, requires supply by the same manufacturer.

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

709134450

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 October 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

Textron Systems Electronic Systems UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £500,000

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

Senior Commercial Officer ADEWS Delivery Team

Henlow

Country

United Kingdom