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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)

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Country

United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

Qioptiq

Glascoed Road, St Asaph

Denbighshire

LL17 0LL

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The Dismounted Close Combat project team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, has placed a seven-year Framework Agreement with Qioptiq Limited for the continued procurement of the TALON Fused Weapon Sight – Image Intensifier / Thermal Imager under the Assault Rifle In-Line Low Light Sight (ARILLS) capability.

Framework is placed for £1.00 consideration.

All future purchases will be subject to financial approval on a case-by-case basis.

There will be no initial quantity from the outset. However, there is an estimated TFR of 10,000 TALON systems over the life of the framework.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38633000 - Telescopic sights

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

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

Value: £120,000,000

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

No tenders or no suitable tenders in response to: negotiated procedure competition

All tenders submitted in reply to an open procedure, a restricted procedure or competitive dialogue were irregular or unacceptable. Only those tenderers were included in the negotiations which have satisfied the qualitative selection criteria: no

The periods for the restricted procedure and the negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice are incompatible with the urgency resulting from a crisis: no

Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority/entity: no

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

technical

The contract concerns research and development services other than those referred to in the regulations: no

The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development: no

Additional works/deliveries/services are ordered under strict conditions: no

For supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market: no

New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services: no

Contract related to the provision of air and maritime transport services for the armed forces deployed or to be deployed abroad: no

Explanation:

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI No.2019/697) this procurement shall be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 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 placed using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) and is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR for technical reasons.

This is due to strict technical impracticality for any other economic operator other than Qioptiq to achieve the same technical requirements/output performance provided by the TALON system that offers a fused dual-channel sight and the interoperability, compatibility and commonality purposes that is required with the current TALON fleet as part of the ARILLS requirement. Qioptiq are the only economic operator that has the necessary know-how/access to information to manufacture and provide the TALON system, to meet the Authority's requirement.

Qioptiq is the only economic operator that can meet the Authority's requirement to provide the TALON Fused Weapon Sight – Image Intensifier / Thermal Imager, for the assault rifle weapon system, that meets the Authority's bespoke needs.

The Authority's critical technical capabilities as part of the ARILLS requirement can only be met by this unique TALON system, and the requirement therefore cannot be met by another economic operator.

IV.2) Award criteria

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

706392450

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

no

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

706392450

V.1) Date of contract award decision

22 August 2024

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

Qioptiq Ltd

Glascoed Road, Saint Asaph

Denbighshire

LL10 0LL

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Initial estimated total value of the contract

Value: £1

Excluding VAT

Total final value of the contract

Value: £120,000,000

Excluding VAT

If annual or monthly value

Number of months: 0

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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