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Contract

705563450 - In Service Support for Combat Management Systems (CMS), Shared Infrastructure (SI) and Networks

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

Defence Equipment and Support, Abbey Wood

Bristol

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For the attention of

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

www.contracts.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

705563450 - In Service Support for Combat Management Systems (CMS), Shared Infrastructure (SI) and Networks

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

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

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

Broad Oak, Portsmouth

NUTS code

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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

In-Service Support of Combat Management Systems (CMS), BAES Shared Infrastructure (SI) & Networks for Royal Navy platforms, Land-Based Test Sites & training sites as well as the installation of SI Version 3 on Type 45 Destroyers. The platforms in scope include Type 23 Frigates, T45, Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carrier, Landing Platform Dock, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Type 26 Frigates & support for the hosting infrastructure on the Type 31 Frigates to enable the hosting of the Maritime Electronic Warfare Systems Integrated Capability (MEWSIC).

A CMS is a multi-layered system, comprising of component parts, products & individual equipment which all work together to provide situational awareness & lethality to the operator. The CMS covers: CMS Software & Hardware, and Hosting Infrastructure through SI & Combat System Networks. CMS equipment is made up of a series of discrete sub-systems, fully integrated together to provide the interface from which Operators can achieve a platform's Decide & Enable capabilities. Integration & configuration management is performed at the system level to ensure interoperability across the respective sub-systems.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

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

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

Value: £285,275,277

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

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement 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 the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence & Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

BAES are the Design Authority of the CMS, BAES SI & Networks and is the only supplier with the appropriate level of system design & configuration knowledge to meet the requirement and the CMS operates using proprietary software which the Authority does not have the right to share with a third party. Therefore, use of any third-party support supplier would increase the complexity of sub system alignment and integration, increase the difficulty of assigning responsibility for identification and rectification of equipment failures, and present an unacceptably high risk of compromised safety management. BAES is the only operator that has the technical expertise and know-how of the CMS, BAES SI & Networks to carry out obsolescence management and modifications to ensure uninterrupted equipment availability, interoperability and underwrite such modifications from a safety perspective. It is for the reasons listed above that BAES is the only operator able to perform and meet the technical requirements of the contract.

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

705563450

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

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2024/S 000-019377](#) of 25 June 2024

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

705563450

V.1) Date of contract award decision

24 September 2024

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

BAE Systems Surface Ships Ltd

Victory Point, Lyon Way, Frimley,

Camberley, Surrey

GU16 7EX

Country

United Kingdom

National registration number

06160534

V.4) Information on value of contract

Total final value of the contract

Value: £285,275,277

Excluding VAT

If annual or monthly value

Number of years: 8

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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VI.3.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

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