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## **Resupply of BT80, BT380 and BT533 Parachute Systems and Post Design Services (PDS) ("Project ALBANY")**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**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

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Resupply of BT80, BT380 and BT533 Parachute Systems and Post Design Services (PDS) ("Project ALBANY")

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 39523000 - Parachutes

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The C17CSAE Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MOD"), intends to award a contract to Safran Electronics and Defense ("Safran") for the continued support to BT80, BT380 and BT533 parachute systems including the procurement of spares, re-supply of systems, core maintenance and non-core Post Design Services which includes emergent technical tasks.

**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: £19,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The C17CSAE Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MOD"), intends to award a contract to Safran Electronics and Defense ("Safran") for the continued support to BT80, BT380 and BT533 parachute systems including the procurement of spares, re-supply of systems, core maintenance and non-core Post Design Services which includes emergent technical tasks.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Provision to potentially extend the contract duration by 3 (three) additional Option years.

### **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

- 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 C17CSAE Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MOD"), intends to award a contract to Safran Electronics and Defense ("Safran") for the continued support to BT80, BT380 and BT533 parachute systems including the procurement of spares, re-supply of systems, core maintenance and non-core Post Design Services which includes emergent technical tasks. The estimated value of the contract is £19M for the period 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2028, with the potential to extend the provision by 3 (three) additional Option years.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (SI 1848)) on the basis of technical reasons the contract may be awarded to Safran only.

The specific equipment items to be supported by this contract are manufactured by Safran as the Design Organization and original equipment manufacturer. Accordingly, Safran is the only economic operator, which has the required technical knowledge, know-how and experience to undertake and discharge the contractor's obligations to support these safety critical systems. Furthermore, Safran has not licensed sufficient rights to MOD or any third party to enable any third party to manufacture any of the systems or any associated spares and is the only supplier who has the ability to provide a compliant airworthiness and safety case to the reasonable satisfaction of MOD.

In addition, it is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Article 28(3)(a) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(b)(i) of the United Kingdom Defence and Security

Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for the purchase of additional goods. This is because the goods are to be provided in addition to existing supplies and a change in supplier would oblige MOD to acquire goods with different technical characteristics, which would result in incompatibility with the supplies already in service, and that with a system service life of 10-years, there are exceptional circumstances which require the period specified in Regulation 16(3) to be exceeded.

To note: It is the intention of the Authority to run in parallel to this contract, Project LINOUS to compete the resupply of our precision parachute fleet following expiration of this contract. Project LINOUS will be advertised under separate cover and is expected to achieve Full Operating Capability in ~2030.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

C17CSAE/708907450

### **Title**

Resupply of BT80, BT380 and BT533 Parachute Systems and Post Design Services (PDS) ("Project ALBANY")

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

19 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**

SAFRAN ELECTRONICS AND DEFENSE

72-76 RUE DE HENRY FARMAN

PARIS

75015

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

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: £19,000,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

C17CSAE Commercial Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom