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Contract

BattleLab Experimental Digital Environment (BEDE)

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

London

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

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

BattleLab Experimental Digital Environment (BEDE)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Delivery of an experimental outcomes-based service that enables co-creation in the Defence BattleLab (DBL). The BattleLab Experimental Digital Environment will combine on-premises, cloud based, and support services.

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: £10,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Defence BattleLab (DBL) provides opportunities for Defence problems to collide with industry solutions through a physical environment open to academics, innovators, industry, and end users. It is fitted with an internal 5G network in its engineering lab and on the adjacent Lulworth ranges; a connection to the Land Systems Reference Centre at Blandford; an internal Wifi network; a physical co-creation space; a shared office; and a virtual community.

The DBL 5G network on the Lulworth Cove Training Area will provide a configurable radio extremely high frequency (EHF) / ultra-high frequency (UHF) infrastructure and network that provides coverage on LCTA and is linked to the LSRC and DBL. The network will provide a sea / land / air domain testbed under Defence control, enabling MOD, cross government, and industry / academia partners to demonstrate and test digital connectivity in a security context 'on the bench' and 'in the wild'

The aim is the establishment and running of an experimental digital environment at the Defence BattleLab (DBL) for 19 months.

The BattleLab Experimental Digital Environment (BEDE) will combine on-premises, cloud based, and support services.

For modern collaboration, data sharing is essential but not currently possible at the DBL. To bridge this gap at the DBL, there is strong support for the establishment of the BEDE (including on premises and cloud-based services) from across Defence and partners across government.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1x option for extension

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The published contract value for this contract is the maximum headroom of the contract and is not guaranteed. The committed value of this contract is £2,500,000.00.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This contract was competitively let using the G-Cloud 13 framework agreement (RM1557.13). A technical and commercial evaluation was completed on the keyword search function with filters. This led to the shortlisted suppliers service offerings being assessed to meet the requirements. This process is further described under the G-Cloud 13 Crown Commercial Service policy and guidance.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

712296452

Title

BattleLab Experimental Digital Environment (BEDE)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DII Limited

Christchurch

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK25 - Dorset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract is a call-off that was let via CCS G-Cloud 13 Framework (RM1557.13).

Initial value of the contract is £2.5M and advertised with the headroom of £10M.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Digital

Corsham

Country

United Kingdom