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## **Typhoon MIDS Field Service Engineer**

Ministry of Defence, Fast Air Support Team (FAST)

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0300af

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

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

Ministry of Defence, Fast Air Support Team (FAST)

MOD Abbey Wood, Bristol, BS34 8JH

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

#### **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**

Typhoon MIDS Field Service Engineer

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71336000 - Engineering support services

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

Field Service Engineer to Support UK Typhoon MIDS

##### **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: £2,000,000

#### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Not provided

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12 month Options to Extend

#### **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**

Not provided

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## **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:

The Fast Air Support Team (FAST), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Data Link Solutions (DLS) for the provision of a UK Typhoon MIDS Field Service Engineer (FSE).

It is considered that for technical reasons this requirement can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of the Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011). This is because all of the MIDS terminals fitted to the UK Typhoon fleet have been sourced from DLS and as a result, only DLS as the OEM has the requisite knowledge and access to the vendor-specific technical information necessary to provide the level of support needed. The activities of the FSE depend upon direct access to knowledge from multiple disciplines within the OEM organisation, including project management, contracts, export control, security, quality assurance, configuration management, in addition to hardware, software, systems and logistics engineering. MIDS information is subject to both US ITAR and US FMS controls, limiting access to detailed data. MIDS data release is directed by the five MIDS Core Nations (US, Germany, Italy, Spain and France) who sit on the MIDS International Project Office (IPO) Steering Committee and certain information is not releasable to MIDS 3rd Party Nations such as the UK. As a result, no other economic operator would be able to provide the critical support at all levels and meet the vital certification needs. DLS is the only economic operator who can meet this requirement.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 September 2021

#### **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**

Data Link Solutions LLC

350 Collins Road NE

Cedar Rapids

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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

#### **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**

Ministry of Defence, Fast Air Support Team (FAST)

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