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Award

Brightstar Lamps Procurement for Merlin Helicopters

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55185>

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

Brightstar Lamps Procurement for Merlin Helicopters

Reference number

70563050

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34711500 - Helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of 23 Brightstar Lamps for Merlin Helicopters

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: £201,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters
- 35612300 - Support helicopters

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

RNAS Yeovilton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

x5 Brightstar II Lamps

x18 Brightstar III Lamps

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

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

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

The Merlin Delivery Team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to enter into a supply contract with LFD Limited for the purchase of Brightstar infra-red LED Search and Landing Lamps (the “Lamps”) for use on the Merlin Aircraft. 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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(b)(i) because the Lamps to be purchased are required by the Secretary of State for Defence as a partial replacement for, or in addition to, existing Lamps and to obtain the Lamps from a supplier other than LFD Limited would oblige the Secretary of State for Defence contracting authority to acquire Lamps having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility between the existing Lamps and the Lamps to be purchased and disproportionate technical difficulties in the operation and maintenance of the existing Lamps.

LFD Limited are the sole manufacturer of the Lamps and the Secretary of State for Defence already has a supply of the Lamps which are used on the Puma 2 and Chinook fleets. Existing stock of the Lamps will be used to partly satisfy Merlin full fleet fit, the intended purchase will top up the existing stock of Lamps. The Lamps to be purchased must be interchangeable with existing in-service Lamps. Having a mix of Lamps in the Merlin fleet will lead to interoperability issues, preventing Lamps being switched from one aircraft to another, potentially restricting flexibility of use of the aircraft.

The brackets and wiring on the aircraft has been specifically designed and cleared through the relevant airworthiness channels to be safe and fit for purpose for mounting these specific Lamps. If the Lamp was changed to an alternative type, the entire bracket design would have to be revisited, the associated assessments conducted and the safety arguments regenerated resulting in significant and disproportionate time delays and cost.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

705630450

Title

Brightstar Lamps Procurement for Merlin Helicopters

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 November 2022

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

L.F.D Limited

Zenith House, Lederle Lane

Gosport

PO13 0FZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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: £201,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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