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Giraffe-1X Contract Amendment - Emulator Training Suite

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

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support>

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

Giraffe-1X Contract Amendment - Emulator Training Suite

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35722000 - Radar

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Secretary of State for Defence (the “Authority”) intends to amend the contract JSENS/00161 with SAAB Ltd. to include procurement and development of a synthetic emulator training suite that would enable delivery of training to multiple personnel in a single training event with an estimated value of £1M.

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: £1,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a G1X Radar Synthetic Trainer that will enable the Training Personnel to deliver Operator Training to multiple students in a controlled manner through controlled target generation, provided by scenarios created within the Training system. This will enable a controlled and single air picture to be delivered to all students through their individual terminals during training, enabling focus onto likely target types and replicating likely scenarios.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: The most economically advantageous tender 100

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

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:

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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with [Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons the contract may be awarded to SAAB Ltd.

The G1X is a crucial part of Air Defence capability that relies on up-to-date training and SQEP. The Authority's view is that only SAAB Ltd can provide the actual software that would be in use on the G1X, providing a 100% accurate replication of the system in terms of functionality and the Air picture that is fed from G1X radar. Any attempt by a 3rd party to replicate the G1X would be based on observing outputs from the radar would run the risk of not being 100% accurate owing to not having access to all coding, functionality, and scenarios. This would impact on the quality of the training and thus having skilled G1X operators in the field. SAAB Ltd. control and issue Software updates and patches that 3rd parties do not have access to immediately, therefore the impact of this is that a 3rd Party supplied emulator/Synthetic Trainer would be running on previous versions whilst the software update and impact is assessed, coded, and then implemented. Any "lag" in training would have a detrimental effect on Air Defence capability and would be unacceptable."

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 October 2024

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

SAAB Ltd

Stockholm

Country

Sweden

NUTS code

- SE - Sweden

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: £1,000,000

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

Defence Equipment & Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom