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Award

Provision of high grade cryptos

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of high grade cryptos

Reference number

CPG/7689/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office' s (FCDO) existing cryptographic estate is approaching " last year of use" , as defined by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), requiring FCDO to procure next generation, high

grade cryptographic devices to support its global network providing secure data, voice and video conferencing facilities.

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: £1,349,208

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

These new high grade cryptographic devices will be installed in data centres across the FCDO estate, including UK sites and secure zones in a number of diplomatic missions overseas.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

FCDO requires delivery of the devices by 5 April 2022 to facilitate system integration work and initial overseas deployment by the end of 2022, with the bulk of the overseas roll out

being completed in 2023.

On delivery to FCDO, the high grade cryptographic devices must:

- meet TEMPEST standard SDIP-27 Level A;
- be assured by NCSC;
- be fully CAPS certified; and
- comply with the latest strategic standard for encrypted IP communications (PRIME) using the UK Suite A

algorithm.

It is FCDO's understanding that Airbus Defence and Space Limited are the only supplier able to meet all requirements listed above and positioned to meet the required delivery date.

FCDO therefore intends to utilise the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication, specifically regulation

32.2.b.ii of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, in the award of this contract.

FCDO intends to enter into a contract with Airbus Defence and Space Limited for these goods by 12/01/22.

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/concession

Contract No

CPG/7689/2021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 December 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

AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE LIMITED

Gunnels Wood Road

Stevenage

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,349,208

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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- be assured by NCSC;
- be fully CAPS certified; and
- comply with the latest strategic standard for encrypted IP communications (PRIME) using the UK Suite A

algorithm.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Royal courts of Justice

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any review proceedings will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the PCR 2015 or any successor to the PCR 2015. Any review proceedings must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law.