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Award

## **Award of AAIB Provision of Hardware and Software Support Services**

Department for Transport

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

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

Department for Transport

London

##### **Email**

[DfTProcurement@dft.gov.uk](mailto:DfTProcurement@dft.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

UK Central Government Department

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Transport

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Award of AAIB Provision of Hardware and Software Support Services

Reference number

TAVI3090A

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

- 72590000 - Computer-related professional services

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

Services

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

Award of AAIB (Air Accident Investigation Branch) Provision of Hardware and Software Support Services (aircraft black boxes).

This contract is being awarded by way of single tender action in-line with the Public Contracts Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) “where the competition is absent for technical reasons”.

The department conducted a pre-market engagement exercise, using a Prior Information Notice (PIN) <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/010488-2021>, whereby one formal response received from, Bassom Computer Consultancy.

#### **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: £375,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South-East of thhe UK, Aldershot.

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

A significant part of an aircraft accident investigation involves the recovery and analysis of information contained in the aircraft flight recorders (the "black" boxes) and other airborne or ground-based sources of recorded data. Whilst a large part of the development is undertaken by specialist AAIB inspectors some tasks, in particular, the provision of software and hardware expertise is contracted out with the AAIB inspectors working alongside specialist independent suppliers.

The supplier is expected to work in close collaboration with the AAIB's specialist flight recorder staff and shall be expected to provide the following throughout the duration of the Recorded Data Hardware and Software Support Services Contract:

- specialist software assistance to maintain current software and to develop software within the scope detailed in paragraph 5, as directed by the AAIB,
- hardware assistance to construct, adapt and maintain facilities within the scope detailed in paragraph 5, as directed by the AAIB.
- to fulfil the statutory obligations of the AAIB, the supplier shall be expected to provide require a rapid response to any requests and speedy assistance in solving specific problems that arise during the replay and data reduction of accident-damaged recorders. Typically, a response and a plan for solution to problems should be obtained within no more than 24 hours.

#### **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

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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:

This is a VEAT notice of the Department for Transport on behalf of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) the intention to award a contract.

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The Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) is part of the Department for Transport (DFT) and is the Contracting Authority. It is tasked under the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and EU Regulation EU 996/2010 with the investigation of civil accidents and serious incidents.

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#### 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

### Contract No

TAVI3060A

### Title

## AAIB RECORDED DATA HARDWARE & SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

23 November 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**

Bassom Computer Consultancy

Ridghill House, 2A Ridgway, Hill Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Surrey

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £375,000

#### **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**

Department for Transport

Great Minster House, Horseferry Road, London

London

Country

United Kingdom