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The Provision of Explosives Ordnance Disposal Remote Controlled Vehicle In-Service Support

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

The Provision of Explosives Ordnance Disposal Remote Controlled Vehicle In-Service Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50110000 - Repair and maintenance services of motor vehicles and associated equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This programme is for continued Contract Logistics Support and Post Design Services (PDS) tasking to one hundred and twenty-two (122) Remote Controlled Vehicles (RCVs) which are an essential component of meeting the Defence Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search requirement for EOD operations in the Contingent and Military Aid to Civil Authorities (MACA) roles.

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: £15,337,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

During 2017, STARTER was procured and initially served as a fleet of 56 platforms for deployment on Contingent Operations . Later during 2019 an additional 66 platforms were procured for use on MACA .

As STARTER is for Contingent Operations it is imperative that as many repairs as possible can be conducted at Level 1 and Level 2 . L3 Harris Technologies' RCV has been specifically designed for ease of maintenance. This includes a modular design that enables easy break-down for repair and maintenance. A total of 66% of all major assemblies and components can be repaired / installed at maintenance Levels 1 or 2.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1-year option 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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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. There are technical impracticability and interoperability issues which would prevent another supplier from providing the required services.

The Authority are procuring directly with L3Harris Technologies Inc following confirmation the company is the Original Equipment Manufacturer. L3Harris Technologies Inc have managed the current STARTER contract for the last 7-years which is when it was brought into service.

The STARTER System has a modular design that which, only with access to the equipment manuals and technical publications, enables easy break-down for repair and maintenance. Any manuals, technical publications, drawings or expertise knowledge which are owned by L3Harris Technologies Inc have not and will not be released to a third Party supplier. Without the release, access to of the manuals or technical publications it would not be possible for another Supplier to fulfil the requirement or to perform any modifications or equipment repairs throughout the duration of the contractual agreement.

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

712283451

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 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

L3 Harris Technologies Inc

Florida

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £15,337,000

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

Solider, Training and Special Programmes (STSP), Specialist & Autonomous Mobility (SAM) Delivery Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom