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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Maritime Combat Systems (MCS) Surface Ships Combat Systems Group (SSCSG) Real-time Combat system Open Data Enablers (RECODE) In-Service Support (ISS)

Background

The Surface Ships Combat Systems Group Delivery Team which is part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence is intending to place a contract with BAE Systems Surface Ships Ltd (BAES) for In-Service Support of Combat Management Systems (CMS), BAES Shared Infrastructure (SI) & Networks for Royal Navy platforms, Land-Based Test Sites & training sites as well as the installation of SI Version 3 on Type 45 Destroyers. The platforms in scope include Type 23 Frigates, T45, Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carrier, Landing Platform Dock, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Type 26 Frigates & support for the hosting infrastructure on the Type 31 Frigates to enable the hosting of the Maritime Electronic Warfare Systems Integrated Capability (MEWSIC).

A CMS is a multi-layered system, comprising of component parts, products & individual equipment which all work together to provide situational awareness & lethality to the operator. The CMS covers: CMS Software & Hardware, and Hosting Infrastructure through SI & Combat System Networks. CMS equipment is made up of a series of discrete sub-systems, fully integrated together to provide the interface from which Operators can achieve a platform's Decide & Enable capabilities. Integration & configuration management is performed at the system level to ensure interoperability across the respective sub-systems.

Duration of Contract & Cost

The total duration of the contract will be 8 (eight) years consisting of an initial 5 (five) year period, with 3 (three) years of options to extend the duration. The contract shall have a total estimated value of £287.634m (two hundred & eighty-seven million and six hundred & thirty-four thousand pounds sterling) exclusive of VAT.

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: £287,634,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35710000 - Command, control, communication and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Main site or place of performance

Farnborough

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Justification

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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence & Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

BAES are the Design Authority of the CMS, BAES SI & Networks & is the only supplier with

the appropriate level of system design & configuration knowledge to meet the requirement. The CMS operates using proprietary software which the Authority does not have the right to share with a third party. Therefore, use of any third-party support supplier would increase the complexity of sub-system alignment & integration, increase the difficulty of assigning responsibility for identification & rectification of equipment failures, & present an unacceptably high risk of compromised safety management. BAES is the only operator that has the technical expertise & know-how of the CMS, BAES SI & Networks to carry out obsolescence management & modifications to ensure uninterrupted equipment availability, interoperability & underwrite such modifications from a safety perspective.

It is for the reasons listed above that BAES is the only operator able to perform the contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 years of options to extend the duration of the contract.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency.

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:

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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

705563450

Title

In Service Support for Combat Management Systems, Shared Infrastructure and Networks

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 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

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Farnborough

GU14 6YU

Country

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NUTS code

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

National registration number

06160534

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: £287,634,000

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V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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