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Procurement of Jupiter HC Mk2 & Aviation Support to British Armed Forces Brunei & Cyprus

Ministry of Defence

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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

Procurement of Jupiter HC Mk2 & Aviation Support to British Armed Forces Brunei & Cyprus

Reference number

708957450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34711500 - Helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority intends to place a contract with Airbus Helicopters UK Limited for the supply of six (6) Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters to include three (3) years support services for use by British Forces Cyprus and British Forces Brunei.

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: £140,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35612300 - Support helicopters
- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- BN - Brunei

Main site or place of performance

Place of Performance of this contract is both British Forces Brunei and British Forces Cyprus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of six (6) Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters and three (3) years support services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

An option is available to extend the duration for an additional 6-month period, solely to cover any delay to setting up a follow-on support service. The contract also includes an option to procure ancillary items should this be required.

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:

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) intends to award a contract to Airbus Helicopters UK Ltd (Airbus) for the supply of six (6) Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters and three (3) years' technical support. The Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopters will be used by British Forces Cyprus and British Forces Brunei to deliver capability from 2024.

The total estimated value of the contract is £140m.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract is regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (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 this 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 Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is because the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is the only rotary wing helicopter which:

- i) is currently in service and certified;
- ii) is technically suitable to be used for a search and rescue, air transportation and medical evacuation capability; and

iii) can meet the MoD's timescales.

Firstly, for strategic operational purposes it is imperative that the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is already in service and certified (it was brought into service relatively recently, in October 2018). Minimising the number of rotary wing platforms maintains maximum operational effectiveness and flexibility across air and ground crews, taking into consideration the existing physical and training infrastructure supporting the fleet as a whole, including utilisation of the skills of existing trained pilots, engineering expertise, in-service support capability and on-going Military Aviation requirements.

Secondly, of the six rotary wing helicopters currently in-service, only the Jupiter HC Mk2 Helicopter is considered to fully meet the MoD's technical requirements for size, capacity and effectiveness at operating in localised environments and terrain.

Thirdly, only Airbus is able to meet MoD's timescales, avoiding capability gaps in this critical service.

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

708957450

Title

Procurement of Jupiter HC Mk2 & Aviation Support to British Armed Forces Brunei & Cyprus (MHP/001)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 November 2023

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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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: £140,000,000

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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

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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