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Contract

HOLMES 2 Application Install Design and User Charges

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

HOLMES 2 Application Install Design and User Charges

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72512000 - Document management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Home Office Large Major Enquiry System (HOLMES) application.

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: £65,498.20

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The instillation of the HOLMES 2 Application

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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:

MoD intends to award a contract to Unisys using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication for the provision of HOLMES 2 application to set up a Major Incident Room (“MIR”) functionality within the ModNet (Secret) Cloud. The contract award is based on:

PCR 2015 Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii): competition is absent for technical reasons.

Within Defence, the Service Justice System is required to operate in accordance with the Armed Forces Act 2006 and the Laws of England and Wales. This includes operating to College of Policing guidelines (MIRSAP 2021 and the Major Crime Investigation Manual 2021) which lay out how serious and complex crime must be investigated. Unisys HOLMES 2 is the only system accredited by the NPCC (National Police Chiefs Council) for the purpose of setting up MIRs. The MIR is the repository for all material gathered from the public, enquiry officers and other sources. It is managed using standardised administrative procedures and supports the Senior Investigating Officer to direct and control the investigation. As such, the Service Justice System is held up against the same levels of scrutiny as other Home Office Police Forces and hence the required application must enable the Service Prosecuting Authority and Military Court Service to obtain the same performance data as the Crown Prosecution Service and His Majesty’s Courts and Tribunal Service in order to be compliant with Home Office and College of Policing Standards.

The Defence Serious Crime Command (DSCC) is establishing a MIR which requires a system for gathering and processing evidence which is SUKEO (Secret for UK Eyes Only). The HOLMES 2 application has been developed by Unisys (built on the Unisys Law Enforcement Application Framework (U-LEAF) and is a bespoke application designed to meet the complex requirements of MIR Standard Administrative Procedures (“MIRSAP 2021”) in line with the unique technical requirements for investigating serious, complex crimes/incidents.

The HOLMES 2 application is the only accredited UK national application for investigating complex crime and is accredited by the Home Office. The DSCC have an urgent

operational requirement to bring the application into service within the ModNet (Secret) Cloud by 4 December 2023 in order to conduct urgent investigations at SUKEO and respond to allegations identified from the Independent Inquiry into Deliberate Detention Operations in Afghanistan.

Unique technical features of HOLMES 2 include but are not limited to:

- Searching
- Incident Linking
- Exhibit/Property Management
- Disaster Victim Identification compliant with Interpol standards.
- Associations
- Tag Management
- Disclosure & Case Preparation:
- Covert Operations.
- Digital Evidence Vault and Management Store
- Ensures chain of custody of evidence through preservation of original assets with an audit trail

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

709695450

Title

Holmes 2 Investigation Application

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Unisys Ltd

Enigma, Wavendon Business Park

Milton Keynes

MK17 8LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £65,498.20

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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