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Foxhound Command Variant

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

ANDOVER

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.army.mod.uk/>

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

Foxhound Command Variant

Reference number

709502450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73423000 - Development of military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority has identified a need to generate 50 Foxhound Command Variants. To accommodate this, Army commercial will seek to convert up to 50 Foxhound Light Protected Patrol Vehicles to Command Variant, via a single source contract with General Dynamics Land Systems UK.

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: £19,760,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South East England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The conversion will provide enhanced VHF, HF and UHF capability, whilst providing the users with a working environment suitable for operating BOWMAN data terminals. The conversion will also include vehicle performance enhancements, required to support the new variant and function on the platform, including mission battery improvement and crew display systems.

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

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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General Dynamics UK are the OEM and Design Authority of the Foxhound Platform and have developed the design for the modification using private venture funding. As the Design Authority, and only contractor to have access to the design for the modification, General Dynamics UK is the only contractor which is able to perform the requirement, for technical reasons. Further, General Dynamics UK is the Design Authority for BOWMAN and are also the only UK Licenced company by US DOD, under ITAR, to install BOWMAN on a new variant of Foxhound.

It is our intention to award a contract in early 2024 for a period of 15 months.

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

709502450

Title

Foxhound Command Variant

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 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

General Dynamics Land Systems UK

Unit 1 & 3, Oakdale Court, Oakdale Business Park, Blackwood, South Wales, NP12 4AD

South Wales

NP12 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01911653

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: £19,760,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £19,760,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) 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. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

MOD COMMERCIAL

Andover

Country

United Kingdom