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Procurement and Installation of Integrated UHF SATCOM & EFMTE 4.2 Baseline Equipment

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Corsham, Wiltshire

SN13 9NR

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/intranet>

Buyer's address

<https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/intranet>

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 and Installation of Integrated UHF SATCOM & EFMTE 4.2 Baseline Equipment

Reference number

706217450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32530000 - Satellite-related communications equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement and Installation of Integrated UHF SATCOM & EFMTE 4.2 Baseline Equipment (which consist of bespoke integrated satellite communications equipment) for the Royal Navy's T26 fleet (Ships 2 to 8). T26 Ship 2 UHF & EFMTE delivery UHF SatCom & EFMTE equipment including Antennas for Ship 2 delivery.

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: £8,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32324310 - Satellite antennas
- 32344250 - Radio installations

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Dockyards and Defence Sites across the UK; Project Team will be based in Corsham (Wiltshire)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

- 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 Defence Digital Networks Commercial – Strategic Services (Radios) team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (MoD) intends to award an 11 year contract to STS Defence Limited for the procurement and installation of Integrated UHF SATCOM & EFMTE 4.2 baseline equipment (which consist of bespoke integrated satellite communications equipment) for the Royal Navy's T26 fleet (Ships 2 to 8).

This equipment will meet the Fleet User Requirement Document, such that the user shall be able to provide a communications service to support Information Exchange Requirements (IER) for simultaneous voice and data. Capable of supporting DAMA, FM, High Performance Waveform (HPW) and Integrated Waveform (IW) data services within 25KHz channel. It shall have the ability (i) for one antenna to access two different satellites operating on different waveforms and different frequencies simultaneously; and (ii) to interface the modems used by the Royal Navy Fleet and also the radios used by embarked forces through the same single antennae.

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 this contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 (as amended) for Technical Reasons. This is because only the STS Defence Ltd's satellite communication equipment will meet the MoD's requirements, including meeting the installation and Set-To-Work (STW) rigid programmatic timescales for a BAE Systems ship in build across the T26 Class of Ships. In addition, it is only STS Defence Ltd, as the original equipment manufacturer, that has the technical ability and know-how to supply & install this equipment into the T26 Fleet. If an attempt was made to procure and install third party supplier equipment, then this would result in a disproportionate time and cost impact on the MoD and ultimately an unacceptable gap in capability for the Royal Navy.

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

706217450

Title

Procurement and Installation of Integrated UHF SATCOM & EFMTE 4.2 Baseline Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 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

STS Defence Limited

Mumby Road

Gosport, Hampshire

PO12 1AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £8,000,000

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V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence (Single Source Advisory Team)

Abbey Wood, Floorplate Spruce 3b

Bristol

BS34 8JH

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Ministry of Defence - Central Legal Services

Abbey Wood, Poplar 2 NH2 #2216

Bristol

BS34 8JH

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Request Details from POC if required

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

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