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FSTA/00009/VOSE - Voyager Operating System Evolution (VOSE)

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0552e0

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

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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

FSTA/00009/VOSE - Voyager Operating System Evolution (VOSE)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50650000 - Repair and maintenance services of military aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

FSTA/00009/VOSE - Voyager Operating System Evolution (VOSE)

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: £170,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35611700 - Tanker aircrafts
- 50211000 - Repair and maintenance services of aircraft
- 63733000 - Aircraft refuelling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- ES - Spain
- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

AirTanker Hub, Brize Norton, Carterton, Oxon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single Source Procurement for the Design, Development, Certification, Qualification, Embodiment and Through-Life Support of the Voyager Operating System Evolution from AirTanker Ltd for the Voyager fleet

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Variable number of FSTA VOSE Embodiments from 10 to 14

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 works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Voluntary Transparency Notice (VTN) Voyager FSTA Military Obsolescence

The Voyager Delivery Team (VDT), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to amend Contract FSTA/00009 (Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft Concession Contract) with AirTanker Ltd. The Contract Amendment(s) will enable the design, development, procurement, certification, embodiment and through-life support of the Voyager Operating System Evolution (VOSE) on the Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA). This in turn will resolve the Military Mission System obsolescence by embodying the Multifunction Information Distribution System and the Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS/JTRS).

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement is 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).

It is considered that this Contract Amendment may be made pursuant to the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011, for technical reasons.

It is a regulatory requirement that any Contractor selected to execute VOSE and embody the MIDS/JTRS on the FSTA must be an FSTA/Multi Role Transport Tanker (MRTT) Manufacturer Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) organisation. The Contractor would also need to be approved by Airbus SAS (the Aircraft OEM), Airbus DS (the Aircraft Design Authority) and AirTanker Ltd (the owner of the Aircraft) to perform the upgrade. AirTanker Ltd UK is the only Contractor who meets these criteria because of the specific know-how and licensing it holds.

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

FSTA/00009 - VOSE

Title

The Concession Contract - VOSE Amendment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2025

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

AirTanker Ltd

AirTanker Hub, RAF Brize Norton

Carterton

OX18 3LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.airtanker.co.uk/>

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: £170,000,000

Lowest offer: £170,000,000 / Highest offer: £170,000,000 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Design, development certification and qualification

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

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