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Contract

Merlin Out Of Service Date Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Merlin Out Of Service Date Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract to undertake Assessment phase 2 of the OSDEP Programme post Assessment Phase 1

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: £11,367,641

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Merlin Out Of Service Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2 is to support the Merlin Mk2 through to an extended out of service date of 2024 to develop solutions in order to contract a D&M Contract.

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence has entered into a Qualifying Defence Contract with Lockheed Martin UK Ltd to undertake a full review of and validation of the obsolescence issues anticipated to arise in with the airframes and equipment together with the associated training aids in the 2030+ timescale in order to extend the Out of Service date of the Merlin Mk2 aircraft out to 2040.

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 the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) because Lockheed Martin have the specific know-how, tools and equipment and access to the technical drawings, publications and manufacturing data pertaining to the relevant Merlin aircraft to fulfil all the contractual requirements.

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

Contract No

713125450

Title

Merlin Out Of Service Date Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lockhead Martin UK Ltd

Portsmouth

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: £11,367,641

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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