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G-AMB CLS Support Contract

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

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

G-AMB CLS Support Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35722000 - Radar

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Contract is for the for the provision of logistic and integration support, and associated articles, in relation to the Giraffe-Agile Multi Beam (G-AMB) radars which support the UK Ministry of Defence's Land Environment Air Picture Provision and Ground Based Air Defence capabilities.

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: £30,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Joint Sensors and Engagement Networks Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence intends to enter into a contract with SAAB AB (publ) to take effect on and from 1.04.2025 for a period of 4 Years (3+ 1 Option year) for the provision of logistic and integration support, and associated articles, in relation to the Giraffe-Agile Multi Beam (G-AMB) radars, which support the UK Ministry of Defence's Land Environment Air Picture Provision, Sky Sabre and Ground Based Air Defence capabilities.

The Contractor is the Design Authority for, and holder of all relevant intellectual property rights in, the G-AMB radars. This includes proprietary software and hardware and as such, SAAB AB are the only provider of the relevant technical expertise in order to meet the Authority's requirement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Relevant Technical Expertise 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

8.3. The contract duration will be 3+1 years, with core support running from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2029. There will be an additional Option Year available for the period 1st April 2028 to 31st March 2029.

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:

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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because the Contractor is the manufacturer of and design authority for, and holder of all relevant intellectual property rights and proprietary information (such as drawings and specifications) in, the G-AMB radars and the Authority procured:

- (i) the G-AMB radars from the Contractor under the terms of a contract entered into on 17.8.2015
- (ii) logistic support from the Contractor for such radars under a contract entered into on 1.1.2014 (contract expired 31.12.2018)
- (iii) logistic support from the Contractor for such radars under a contract entered into on 1.1.2019 (contract expired 31.03.2024)
- (iv) logistic support from the Contractor for such radars under a contract entered into on 28.06.2024 (contract expires 31.03.2025)

No licences have been granted to any other persons, including the Authority, to obtain

and exploit the drawings and specifications necessary to provide the requirement to support the equipment. The Contractor, as the only manufacturer and supplier of the G-AMB radars as a defence product, is the only economic operator with the specific knowledge of the system to be able to support such equipment.

In support of G-AMB functionality, the Contractor produce software and the specialist applications that are deeply integrated with the unique hardware that makes up the G-AMB product. Only SAAB is able to offer the necessary software and hardware support to ensure that security risks, obsolescence and capability updates can be managed. Safe operation and maintenance of the G-AMB are dependent upon a well-informed support arrangement and only SAAB can provide sufficient knowledge to ensure that any safety issues identified are fully addressed by their support activities.

The Contractor is therefore the only economic operator capable of meeting the Authority's technical requirements under the Contract.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2024

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

SAAB AB

Stockholm

Country

Sweden

NUTS code

- SE - Sweden

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £30,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

MOD Abbeywood

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom