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Award

Dosimetry Unit

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Salisbury

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK - South West (England)

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

Dosimetry Unit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38341200 - Radiation dosimeters

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Dstl Approved Dosimetry Service (ADS) requires a new Harshaw Model 8800 Plus thermoluminescent dosimetry reader, with built-in internal 90Sr/Y irradiator (0.5 mCi/18.5 MBq), to maintain its ability to provide the MOD with personal radiation dosimetry.

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: £239,600

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Dstl ADS has two Harshaw 8800 Plus thermoluminescent dosimetry readers that are used to provide the MOD (including the Defence Nuclear Enterprise and Defence Medical Services) with personal radiation dosimetry. One of these readers has been in service for almost 25 years and so is approaching the end of its working life. The requirement is to replace this reader with like-for-like equipment. This will maintain an S&T capability that is critical to the delivery of Defence operations and is therefore aligned with the Dstl strategic theme: Enabling operational advantage at pace.

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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:

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, on behalf of The Secretary of state for Defence, intends to engage the services of Phoenix Dosimetry to procure a model 8800 Dosimetry Unit plus TLD Card Reader.

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 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for Technical reasons.

The Dstl Approved Dosimetry Service (ADS) has two Harshaw 8800 Plus thermoluminescent dosimetry readers (with built-in 90Sr/Y irradiators) that are used to provide the MOD with Health and Safety Executive (HSE) approved personal radiation dosimetry services. These services enable the MOD to comply with radiation protection legislation and fulfil its duty of care to its employees. One has been in service for 24 years whilst the other for 22, both are approaching end of life.

We are intending to purchase 2 replacement Harshaw readers from Phoenix Dosimetry Ltd.

There are other dosimetry units on the market however there would be compatibility issues if the same type were not procured and Dstl would need to replace the entire system. Dstl has 25,000 of these readers and the cost to replace them all would be extensive.

A competition was put out via the LUPC framework to 6 possible suppliers to see if anyone else could supply the Harshaw readers. We received 2 responses but one withdrew as they would buy the unit from Phoenix themselves and the other was unable to supply the Item. An internet search did not reveal any other suppliers beyond those identified.

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

4 December 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

Phoenix Dosimetry LTD

Sandhurst

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £239,600

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

DSTL

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom