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Contract

**890944**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ebe1

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrcITeam@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESLESTSP-DCC-ComrcITeam@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

890944

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35321200 - Rifles

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Procurement of Biathlon Rifles

#### **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: £890,944

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Procurement of Biathlon Rifles

**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

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## 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

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

Explanation:

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Article 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Authority requires these rifles as partial replacement for the current in-service fleet of 1827F Biathlon Rifles for use in the Army's "Winter Games" competition.

The Authority is unable to accommodate weapons from an alternative supplier as this would result in goods being supplied which would have different technical characteristics to those already in service, effecting the interoperability of the rifles. This would result in technical difficulties with incompatibility between existing and new weapons and accessories.

KCSR Limited is the exclusive UK distributor for the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the 1827F Biathlon Rifle. In these circumstances the Authority considers that competition is absent for technical reasons

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-022246](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

708294450

## **Title**

Biathlon Rifles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

8 November 2023

#### **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**

KCSR Ltd

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £890,400

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d5cbb7cf-8b3e-4d75-84cc-63b6fc4b4ba8> - Contracts Finder Award Notice, including redacted contract.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom