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Procurement of Post Design Services, Spares and repairs for Helmets, Ground Use Headsets, in Ear Communication Devices and Test Equipment for use on air platforms.

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.mod.uk

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

Procurement of Post Design Services, Spares and repairs for Helmets, Ground Use Headsets, in Ear Communication Devices and Test Equipment for use on air platforms.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35813000 - Military helmets

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Single Source procurement of Post Design Services, Spares and repairs for Helmets, Ground Use Headsets, In Ear Communication Devices (IECDs) and Test Equipment for use on air platforms. The Contract will be for a maximum of 8 years. The estimated value is £32.1M.

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: £32,100,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32342300 - Microphones and speaker sets

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Air Commodities Delivery Team (ACDT) within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, ("the Authority") intends to award a Contract to Helmet Integrated Systems Ltd for the procurement of Post Design Services, Spares and repairs for Helmets, Ground Use Headsets, In Ear Communication Devices (IECDs) and Test Equipment for use on air platforms.

The current contract for Post Design Services, Spares and Repairs of Helmets and In-Ear Communication Devices (IECDs) will expire on 31 December 2024. There is an ongoing requirement to continue to support this equipment until 2032, which will comprise of five (5) year contract with three (3) option years of twelve months each at an estimated value of £31.2M.

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) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

The Authority has insufficient intellectual property rights to the modifications to the equipment and is therefore unable to pass the necessary data and information to undertake the requirement to third parties. Only the extant Contractor is the approved Design Organisation (DO) for the articles and owns the Design Rights for the articles which fulfil the requirement.

This technical expertise, together with the ownership of the Design Rights, means that no company other than Helmet Integrated Systems Ltd can carry out the activities required in

the time frame specified by the Customer.

Helmet Integrated Systems Ltd hold the necessary Design Approved Organisation Scheme accreditation to meet Airworthiness requirements with Military Aviation Authority (MAA) regulations ensuring continued support of this equipment to the required safety levels.

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

700005439 & ACCOMM4/7132

Title

Procurement of Post Design Services, Spares and repairs for Helmets, Ground Use Headsets, In Ear Communication Devices and Test Equipment for use on air platforms.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 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

HELMET INTEGRATED SYSTEMS LTD

Letchworth Garden City

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £32,100,000

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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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom