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Support Services for the Type 31 Combat Management System (CMS) installed on the Type 31 frigates and Shore Integration Facility (SIF).

Defence Equipment and Support

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Support Services for the Type 31 Combat Management System (CMS) installed on the Type 31 frigates and Shore Integration Facility (SIF).

Reference number

713268450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defence Equipment and Support, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a "Procurement of support services for the Type 31 Combat Management System" contract to Thales UK Limited (Thales) for in-service support to the Thales TACTICOS combat management system installed on five Royal Navy Type 31 Frigates and at the Portsmouth Technology Park Shore Integration Facility.

TACTICOS is a proprietary combat management system, combining sensor control, picture compilation and weapon control. The contract will ensure system-designer support for future software integration, defect rectification, updates and future hardware changes, maintenance and obsolescence management.

The contract will be for six (6) years, with options to extend for a further two (2) years and have an estimated value of £116,000,000 exclusive of VAT.

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: £116,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will include the options to be extended for a further two (2) years.

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 contract 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 this 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 Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Thales is the TACTICOS system designer, manufacturer and installer.

Thales owns the proprietary information, including software and detailed design documentation, needed and is the only economic operator with knowledge of the system, the technical expertise and know-how to meet the requirement.

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

Contract No

713268450

Title

Support Services for the Type 31 Combat Management System (CMS) installed on the Type 31 frigates and Shore Integration Facility (SIF).

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 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

Thales UK

Reading

RG2 6GF

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: £116,000,000

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V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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