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Award

713624450 One Way Effector (OWE)

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

713624450 One Way Effector (OWE)

Reference number

713624450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of One Way Effectors (OWE)

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: £7,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of One Way Effectors (OWE) to go through the HMT Framework.

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

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence, acting through DE&S (the “Authority”) intends to award Modini Limited a direct contract for the supply of One Way Effector (OWE) systems for Project ASGARD in support of Op CABRIT. The estimated value of this contract is £7.5m and the proposed term is 24 Months. This will be awarded as a call-off contract under the Human Machine Teaming (HMT) Framework, contract reference 702953450.

Project ASGARD will be a software-defined, network enabled reconnaissance and strike complex, consisting a suite of digital and data components that enable decision support. This software defined approach will provide an ‘any sensor to any effector’ decision

advantage capability. The procurement to which this notice relates will be for the one way effector systems only, with the other elements of ASGARD being subject to separate procurements.

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 award of the contract using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by 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 the Authority has identified strict technical impracticality for a supplier other than the chosen supplier to achieve the Authority's technical requirements as it is necessary to use specific knowledge, tools or means which only MODINI Limited currently has at its disposal. More specifically this relates to the mandatory performance characteristics of the required solution, namely payload weight, scalability, range, max speed and terrain following capability. Due to the particular timescales for this requirement, it was also identified that only Modini could reach the Authority's strict and necessary deadlines for production and delivery of the hardware for Spring 25 & be deployed on Op Cabrit in Summer 25.

It should be noted that Project ASGARD is intended to meet a specific, near-term capability need and will not define technical solutions for UK MOD's longer term OWE based capability requirements.

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

713624450

Title

One Way Effector (OWE)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

Modini Limited

Pewsey

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £7,500,000

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

Future Capability Innovation (FCI), DE&S, UK MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom