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713335450 - Supply of In-Service Support for Eddy Current Flaw Detector Equipment

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

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Description

DE&S Deca, on behalf of the Air Commodities Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MOD"), intends to enter into a 5 year plus 3 option years contract with ETher NDE Ltd for the provision of In-Service Support (ISS) services, including the repair and maintenance of the equipment, the calibration of the equipment and the provision of software updates, in relation to the Eddy Current Flaw Detector Non-Destructive Test Equipment held at various locations within the MOD, which equipment supports the MOD's Air Defence capabilities. The proposed contract is expected to commence on 8th September 2025 (subject to change) and to have a total Value of £0.879M (Ex Vat).

Contract 1. Supply of In-Service Support for Eddy Current Flaw Detector Equipment

Supplier

- Ether NDE Limited

Contract value

- £879,000 excluding VAT
- £1,054,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

8 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 September 2025 to 7 September 2030
- Possible extension to 7 September 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

3 option years after the contract period to be considered providing the requirement is still valid

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71632200 - Non-destructive testing services
- 50210000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft and other equipment

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

This procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a planned procurement notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the Act) is lawful in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to the Act due to the proposed supplier having exclusive rights and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons.

This is because ETHER NDE Ltd is the original equipment manufacturer of the equipment, the design authority for the equipment and the exclusive owner and holder of all intellectual property rights and proprietary technical information (including drawings, specifications and software) relating to the Eddy Current Flaw Detector Non-Destructive Test Equipment and the TE Test Software required to calibrate the equipment and the only supplier with access to the intellectual property rights and the proprietary technical information necessary to enable the ISS services to be performed. In addition, the ISS services, in particular the required software updates for the equipment, are necessary in order to maintain the interoperability of the equipment with other Non-Destructive Test Equipment operated by the MOD in support of the MOD's Air Defence capabilities.

There are no reasonable alternatives to these ISS services, therefore Ether NDE is the only supplier able to perform the required ISS services.

Supplier

Ether NDE Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Supply of In-Service Support for Eddy Current Flaw Detector Equipment

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government