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Award

708071451

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0563b3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

708071451

Reference number

708071451

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73433000 - Test and evaluation of military vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Land Environment Operating Centre Testing, Trialing & Advice

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: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Testing, Trialing & Advice

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

Explanation:

The Specialist Vehicle and Uncrewed Land Systems (SVULS) Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to extend Contract 708071451 for the provision of Testing, Trialing and Advice with UTAC Limited for the testing, advice, and trialing of Land Environment (LE) wheeled vehicles by 18 months from September 25. The contract will have a nil value increase due to an underspend from the original estimated maximum value of £4M. Therefore the expected spend for this extension period is £2m to meet the original value of £4M.

The original VTN was published 1st June 2023 for the Contract being completed through the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service which is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This VTN is under the same grounds for the same rationale provided from the suitably qualified and experienced personnel (SQEP) from the SVULS Engineering team conducting analysis of the market capabilities and concluded that UTAC are still the sole economic operator with the necessary expertise, facilities, infrastructure, and capacity to conduct the full scope of required work.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

70871451

Title

Trialing, Testing & Advice

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 September 2023

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

UTAC UK Limited

Millbrook,

Bedford,

MK45 2JQ

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: £4,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,000,000

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

Defence, Equipment & Support (DE&S)

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