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Contract

The Supply of C8 Rifle Spares

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-043661

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e42a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Building B15, MoD Donnington

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.babcockinternational.com

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

The Supply of C8 Rifle Spares

Reference number

IRM24/7683

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35321200 - Rifles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Babcock Land Defence Ltd, acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence has awarded a 2 year contract with 3 option years using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 to Colt Canada Corporation.

On the basis that, for technical reasons, the Contract can only be awarded to Colt Canada

Corporation.

Colt Manufacturing is the manufacturer and have appointed Colt Canada Corporation as the sole distributor of spares in the UK which support C8 Platform components. Colt Canada Corporation have been granted the rights from Colt Manufacturing to the technical specifications required to undertake the manufacture, testing and supply and they do not share this knowledge/expertise with any third party.

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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35321200 - Rifles

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Babcock Land Defence Limited is acting as Agent on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. In the first instance interested parties may contact Babcock with queries relating to this

procurement.

CPV: 35321200

Risk Assessment Ref: RAR-240815B01

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 Years with 3 Option 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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Colt Canada Corporation is the only Contractor with significant niche expertise, technical 'know-how' and acquired specific experience to source quality spares and manage the supply chain / delivery process for this requirement.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

IRM24/7683

Title

The Supply of C8 Rifle Spares

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Colt Canada Corporation

1036 Wilson Avenue Kitchener

Ontario

N2C 1J3

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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