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Contract

Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) Mid Life Improvement (MLI)

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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Country

United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) Mid Life Improvement (MLI)

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

FN UK LTD

Phoenix House

Slade Green Road

Erith

DA8 2HY

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The Dismounted Close Combat project team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence is placing a 10-year contract with FN UK Ltd for the Mid Life Improvement of the Heavy Machine Gun (HMG).

This is because FN UK Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) and are the only economic entity with access to the necessary technical information, knowledge and expertise, for the HMG comprised in this contract. FN UK Ltd are also the only economic entity with the capability and access necessary to provide the required technical support to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification, maintains the operational performance and effectiveness of the weapon system, and

ability to underwrite the integrity of the modifications to the weapons systems as a result of a safety investigation.

II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

Additional CPV code(s)

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Section IV: Procedure

Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

No tenders or no suitable tenders in response to: negotiated procedure competition

All tenders submitted in reply to an open procedure, a restricted procedure or competitive dialogue were irregular or unacceptable. Only those tenderers were included in the negotiations which have satisfied the qualitative selection criteria: no

The periods for the restricted procedure and the negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice are incompatible with the urgency resulting from a crisis: no

Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority/entity: no

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

The contract concerns research and development services other than those referred to in the regulations: no

The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development: no

Additional works/deliveries/services are ordered under strict conditions: no

For supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market: no

New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services: no

Contract related to the provision of air and maritime transport services for the armed forces deployed or to be deployed abroad: no

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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

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IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

704656450

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice number: [2024/S 000-002456](#) of 24 January 2024

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No

704656450

V.1) Date of contract award decision

1 August 2025

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received

1

Number of offers received by electronic means

1

V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken

FN UK Limited

Phoenix House, Slade Green Road, Erith

Kent

DA8 2HY

Country

United Kingdom

V.4) Information on value of contract

Initial estimated total value of the contract

Value: £40,000,000

Excluding VAT

Total final value of the contract

Value: £40,000,000

Excluding VAT

If annual or monthly value

Number of months: 0

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: No

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
No

VI.3) Procedures for appeal

VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

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