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Section I: Contracting Change authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

VTN-Provision of Release to Service (RTS) A400M — Delta Capability

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

73435000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Test and evaluation of military aircraft, missiles and spacecraft. Test and evaluation of military aircraft, missiles and spacecraft. Provision of aircraft test, evaluation and acceptance services for the A400M Atlas Project Team to develop certification, qualification and release to service of the UK capability requirement additional to the A400M common standard aircraft.

The requirement is for the production of the additional evidence to expand the contents of the A400M Release to Service (RTS) and update associated documentation to cover UK specific operation of the aircraft, cargo and loads.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 7 000 000.00 GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code:

UKK1

Main site or place of performance:

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options:

2 options for 1 year extensions FY 20/21 and 21/22.

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

Justification for selected award procedure:

Additional deliveries by the original supplier ordered under the strict conditions stated in the Directive

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence (the “Authority”) intends to enter into a Contract extension with QinetiQ Limited (“QinetiQ”). Contract A400M/072 between the Authority and QinetiQ (the “Original Contract”) was entered into on 31.7.2015 following a competition. Under the Original Contract QinetiQ is performing the Test and Evaluation of the A400M aircraft for the production of the additional evidence to expand the contents of the A400M Release to Service (RTS) and update associated documentation to cover UK specific operation of the aircraft, cargo and loads. The original contract term is due to expire on 30.6.2019 and for the reasons set out below the Authority intends to extend the Original Contract for a period of 9 months with 2 further 1-year options to extend to enable QinetiQ to complete the requirements under the original contract.

It is considered that this contract extension can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(d)(i) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) as a result of the need to undertake unforeseen additional work. For reasons beyond the Authority’s control, the originally contracted Test and Evaluation activities required as part of the process to achieve the full military operating capability for the A400M aircraft have only been partially achieved. This is as a consequence of a comprehensive re-baselining exercise involving the original equipment manufacturer and delays in aircraft availability for T&E activities, which has impacted on QinetiQ’s ability to complete all the required activities in the expected timeframe. The extension will allow for the work that QinetiQ is contracted for under the original contract to be completed, whilst allowing for escalation by this movement in FYs and additional project and programme management required in this period.

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IV.1.8) Information about 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

Notice number in the OJ S:

2015/S 175-318583

Section V: Award of contract/concession

Contract No: A400M/072

Title: UK Delta Capability — Provision of Evidence for Release to Service

V.2 Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession

14/08/2015

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

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The contractor is an SME: No

V.2.4) Information on value of the concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: 7 000 000.00 GBP

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Total value of the concession/lot: 26 294 995.00 GBP

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000.00 GBP

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted:

Work subcontracted to design organisation — Airbus Military UK and other Aerial Delivery Companies.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Advertising Regime OJEU: this contract opportunity is published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), the MoD Defence Contracts Bulletin and <http://www.contracts.mod.uk>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice

19/03/2019

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