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Preliminary Questions

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence, C&C, C&C
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Hampshire, SP11 8HJ, United Kingdom
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Contact: Army Commercial
Main Address: <http://www.gov.uk>
NUTS Code: UKJ35

I.4) Type of the contracting authority (in the case of a notice published by a contracting authority)
Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) Main Activity (in the case of a notice published by a contracting authority)
General public services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) Title: Provision of Virtual Reality in Land Training - Phase 2.
Reference number: ArmyHQ2/00408

II.1.2) Main CPV code:
71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services.

II.1.3) Type of contract: SERVICES

II.1.4) Short Description: The Army is looking to enhance the scope of the VRLT pilot to include complementary innovation opportunities that have not been actively pursued to date. This requirement delivers additional innovation into the VRLT and secures exploitation of the existing Pilot hardware.

II.1.6) Information about lots
This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)
Value: 200,000
Currency: GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV codes:
Not provided

II.2.3) Place of performance:
UKJ35 South Hampshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:
Not provided

II.2.5) Award criteria
(Directive 2014/24/EU / Directive 2014/25/EU)

Not provided

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

II.2.14) Additional information:

Army HQ Commercial Branch, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract to Bohemia Interactive Simulations (UK) Limited for the provision of additional support to the Virtual Reality In-Land Training Pilot as soon as possible.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Negotiated procedure without prior publication (in accordance with Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU)

IV.1.3) Information about framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

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:
Notice number in OJ S: 2018/S 190 - 429785

Section V: Award Of Contract/Concession

Award of Contract/Concession No: 1

Contract No: ArmyHQ2/00408 Lot Number: Not Provided Title: Provision of Virtual Reality In-Land Training - Phase 2

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of contract award decision: 12/03/2019.

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, No. 1:

Bohemia Interactive Simulations (UK) Ltd

Farnborough Aerospace Centre, 31 Hercules Way, Hampshire, GU14 6UU, United Kingdom

Tel. +44 7884444783, Email: david.orwin@bisimulations.com

Internet address: <http://www.bisimulations.com>

NUTS Code: UKJ35

The contractor/concessionaire will be an SME: Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession:

Initial estimated total value of the contract: 200,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession 200,000

Currency: GBP

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting:

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: Yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: Not provided

Currency: Not provided

Proportion: 23.0 %

Short description of the value/proportion of the contract to be sub-contracted:

5% = Sub-contractor to provide a Cloud network for one of the sprints using Polystream

18% = Subcontractor to provide Data Management and Exploitation

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>

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VI.4) Procedures for review**VI.4.1) Review Body**

Ministry of Defence, C&C, C&C

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures:

Not Provided .

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Not Provided

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Not Provided

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice: 13/03/2019**Annex D1 - General Procurement**

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union
Directive 2014/24/EU

1. Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a call for competition in accordance with Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU

No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to: Not provided

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

Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority and in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the directive: No

Additional deliveries by the original supplier ordered under the strict conditions stated in the directive: No

New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services and ordered in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the directive: No

Service contract to be awarded to the winner or one of winners under the rules of a design contest: No

Purchase of supplies or services on particularly advantageous terms: Not Provided

3. Explanation

Please explain in a clear and comprehensive manner why the award of the contract without prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union is

lawful, by stating the relevant facts and, as appropriate, the conclusions of law in accordance with the directive: (500 words maximum)

Army HQ Commercial Branch, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract to Bohemia Interactive Simulations (UK) Limited for the provision of additional support to the Virtual Reality In-Land Training Pilot as soon as possible.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to a) Directive 2014/24/EU and b) Regulation 32(5)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as the equipment/services is required in addition to an existing service and existing goods. To obtain goods/services from a supplier other than Bohemia would oblige the MoD to acquire goods/services which potentially have different technical characteristics.

The VRLT pilot is an agile development of emerging COTS gaming Virtual Reality technology to demonstrate a low cost, interoperable, mobile and deployable collective training capability that could compliment and integrate with other synthetics in the Land Domain. The pilot is made up of 3 sprints, the first of which has been successful in putting VR into the hands of the user, demonstrating technology in context structured against Collective Competencies in a contemporary operating scenario, and coupling innovation with exploitation working closely with industry delivered innovations. Two further sprints are planned, to conclude by Apr 19.

There is an opportunity to demonstrate additional training innovations. It is proposed that these can be achieved using the extant infrastructure and allocated troops to prove concepts and provide evidence for the CTPP. Training innovations were identified originally but are complimentary to the VR technology being piloted and meet known collective training shortfalls. Additionally, the equipment from the pilot will be transferred to two new simulation training centres in Tidworth and Catterick. The Virtual Reality In-Land Training Pilot is part of an innovative, agile solution and the additional deliverables required currently sit outside of the scope of the current contract but are intrinsically linked to the VRLT pilot and the overall outcomes of the project. Training innovation can be demonstrated in tandem with the scheduled sprints (2 and 3) and

meet the collective training shortfalls. The proposed additional technology innovations are complementary to the VRLT Pilot and will inform development of the Collective Training Transformation Programme (CTTP). Any other supplier's equipment could be incompatible with this system, and with the existing goods. If such a link was attempted this could lead to disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance and hinder the planned sprints.

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