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Pursuant to Article 75(1) of the Public Procurement in the Defence and Security Sector Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 90/2012, 90/14-ZDU-1I, 52/16, and 122/23), the Contracting Authority hereby adopts the following

DECISION ON THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT
MORS 254/2024 - ON - PSPb
FOR
THE PURCHASE OF TACTICAL CARGO VEHICLES FOR
THE SLOVENIAN ARMED FORCES IN VARIOUS CONFIGURATIONS

In the public procurement procedure MORS 254/2024-ON-PSPb for the conclusion of a Framework Agreement for the purchase of tactical cargo vehicles for the Slovenian Armed Forces (SAF) in various configurations, the selected Bidder is Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles GmbH, Dachauer Str. 651, 80995 München, Germany, which submitted Bid No. SI6430 dated 24 February 2025 and Final Bid No. 430-326/2024 dated 11 April 2025, in the amount of EUR 24,269,025.00 excluding VAT.

A Framework Agreement will be concluded with the selected Bidder for a period of 36 months, with a total indicative value of EUR 31,967,213.11 excluding VAT, or EUR 39,000,000.00 including VAT.

Explanation:

After fulfilling all legal conditions for initiating the public procurement procedure in the field of defence and security under the negotiated procedure without prior publication, the Contracting Authority, by Invitation to Tender No. 430-326/2024-3 dated 5 December 2024, invited Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles GmbH, Germany, to submit a Bid. This company is the manufacturer and supplier of tactical cargo vehicles previously delivered to the Contracting Authority under a donation agreement concluded on 5 December 2022. The procurement represents an additional order or an expansion of the existing fleet of vehicles with the same HX2 8×8 chassis and cabin type.

Within the specified deadline, the following Bid was received:

- Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles GmbH, Dachauer Str. 651, 80995 München, Germany, Bid No. SI6430 dated 24 February 2025, in the total value of EUR 24,741,553.00 excluding VAT.

The Contracting Authority conducted a review of the Bid to verify compliance with the general and specific conditions for demonstrating the Bidder’s capacity, as outlined in Section III of the Invitation to Tender MORS 254/2024-ON-PSPb: Methodology for Verifying the Bidder’s Competence to Perform the Public Contract, as well as to assess the adequacy (compliance with technical requirements), correctness, admissibility, and completeness of the submitted Bid.

Certain deviations from the requirements were identified; therefore, as part of the negotiations on 20 March 2025, the Contracting Authority invited the Bidder to provide clarifications and supplements to the technical part of the Bid, as well as to submit a more commercially favourable offer. The Contracting Authority specifically invited the Bidder to waive the requested 20% advance payment.

On 4 April 2025, the Bidder submitted to the Contracting Authority clarifications and amendments to the technical part of the Bid. The commercial part of the Bid, No. 430-326/2024 dated 11 April 2025, in the total amount of EUR 24,269,029.00 excluding VAT, was submitted to the Contracting Authority on 17 April 2025, in line with the agreement reached at the meeting on 28 March 2025.

The Contracting Authority reviewed the amended Bid and found it technically compliant. However, the Bidder did not waive the requested 20% advance payment and also failed to provide adequate security for it (a financial guarantee from Rheinmetall Group was included). In addition, minor calculation errors were identified during the review.

In the course of the negotiations, by letter No. 430-326/2024-27 dated 24 April 2025, the Contracting Authority once again invited the Bidder to waive the advance payment, informed the Bidder of the mandatory conditions applicable in the Republic of Slovenia for the implementation of advance payments (i.e., security by means of a bank guarantee), and invited the Bidder to correct the calculation errors.

On 29 April 2025, the Bidder submitted to the Contracting Authority a revised Bid correcting the calculation errors, with a total value of EUR 24,269,025.00 excluding VAT. However, the Bidder did not amend the Bid with regard to the advance payment security. Consequently, on 7 May 2025, the Contracting Authority, by letter No. 430-326/2024-29, again informed the Bidder of the possible payment terms and invited it to revise the Bid accordingly.

On 8 May 2025, the Bidder submitted a letter to the Contracting Authority confirming acceptance of the Contracting Authority’s conditions regarding the advance payment security.

On 3 June 2025, the Contracting Authority, by application No. 430-326/2024-31, requested the Ministry of Finance to grant approval for the execution of the advance payment. The approval was obtained on 17 June 2025.

The Contracting Authority has deemed the original Bid, taking into account the amendments and corrections to Bid No. 430-326/2024 dated 11 April 2025 (submitted on 17 April 2025), to be appropriate, acceptable, and therefore complete. Accordingly, the Contracting Authority issues its decision as set out in the operative part.

Right to appeal:
A request for a review of the public procurement procedure may be submitted to the E-Revizija Portal within eight (8) business days of the publication of the Decision on the Public Procurement Portal. The request for review must be accompanied by a proof of payment confirming that a fee in the amount of EUR 6,000.00 has been paid to the Ministry of Finance bank account no.: 01100-1000358802 (held with Banka Slovenije, Slovenska 35, 1000 Ljubljana), SWIFT: BS LJ SI 2X; IBAN: SI56011001000358802, reference no. 11 16110-7111290-02542024.

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Minister

Sent to:
- the Public Procurement Portal to publish the Decision