

Spain-Torrejón de Ardoz: Subscription to Maxar's SecureWatch Service for the Acquisition of Very High Resolution Imagery Reference Number

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Contract award notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Public procurement rules of the European Union Satellite Centre

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Union Satellite Centre (Satcen)

National registration number: N0063121H

Postal address: Avenida de Cádiz, Ed. 457. Base Aérea de Torrejón

Town: Torrejón de Ardoz

NUTS code: ES3 Comunidad de Madrid

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Internet address(es):Main address: <https://www.satcen.europa.eu>Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.satcen.europa.eu>**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: Security & Defence

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Subscription to Maxar's SecureWatch Service for the Acquisition of Very High Resolution Imagery Reference Number

Reference number: SatCen NP-14/23

II.1.2. Main CPV code

72319000 Data supply services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The European Union Satellite Centre (Satcen) needs to access, consult and consume via streaming (with the possibility to download) very high resolution satellite imagery (with native spatial resolution equal or better than 50 cm), both archive and recently acquired, on a worldwide level, through a one-year subscription to a cloud-based service.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 400 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

35631200 Observation satellites

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: ES3 Comunidad de Madrid

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Satcen needs to access, consult and consume very high resolution satellite imagery (with native spatial resolution equal or better than 50 cm) in order to perform operational analysis at the level of detail required to fulfil its missions under the service level agreement entered into by the Satcen and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX).

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price

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

The SatCen intends to await a standstill period of 10 days before contract signature.

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 Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

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

Explanation:

Although there exist different commercial providers capable of delivering satellite imagery through an online platform, to the best of our knowledge only Maxar Intelligence Inc. is currently able to provide an online platform that fulfils the following requirements:

- (i) includes imagery with a native spatial resolution equal or better than 50 cm with more than 16 years of historical multispectral imagery;
- (ii) the only platform in the market offering access to imagery acquired by GeoEye, WorldView-1, WorldView-2, WorldView-3, WorldView-3 and decommissioned Satellites like QuickBird, Ikonos or WorldView-4;
- (iii) among the offered sensors, the WorldView-3 sensor has eight unique very high resolution SWIR bands that can provide additional information about the presence of e.g. polymers, camouflage, man-made heat sources (i.e.: detection of migrant makeshift camps) or wildfires;
- (iv) delivers newly collected imagery within 24 hours or better;
- (v) sends email alert notifications with quick look to users upon imagery insertion in the platform over user defined AOIs, without the need to be connected to the platform;
- (vi) offers transfer of unused GB quota under any new subscription.

Accordingly, competition for the supply of very high resolution satellite imagery through an online platform is currently absent for technical reasons, as there are no reasonable alternative suppliers or substitutes to Maxar Intelligence Inc.

In addition, the Satcen can only purchase the subscription to the SecureWatch service from Maxar Intelligence Inc, as this economic operator enjoys exclusive distribution rights of the SecureWatch service as regards the Satcen that must be ensured.

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

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.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

10/08/2023

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

Official name: Maxar Intelligence Inc

Town: Westminster, Colorado

NUTS code: US United States

Country: United States

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 400 000,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

Due to the fact that a negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice based on Section 4.4.5.b of the SatCen Procurement Manual is concerned, the contract has not been signed yet as the SatCen needs to await a 10-day standstill period before contract signature after the publication of this award notice on the OJEU, pursuant to Section 4.5.9 of the SatCen Procurement Manual. The date of conclusion of the contract under Section V.2.1) is the date of the award decision.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union
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VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: European Ombudsman
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Country: France
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VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10/08/2023