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**INTEGRATED AIR & MISSILE DEFENCE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

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SUBJECT: IAMD COE CONTRACT AWARD No FINCON 24-02

- REFERENCES:**
- A. IAMD COE Operational MOU, signed on the 8th April 2020, as Hellenic Law 4833/2021
 - B. IAMD COE Financial Administrative Procedures (FAPs), dated 04 October 2022
 - C. Circular of the Hellenic Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR) - E.2210/12-11-2021 (diavgeia.gov.gr No ΨΑΓΙ46ΜΠ3Ζ-KTI)
 - D. NU. 27/02 February 2024/IAMD COE Commitment of Appropriations (diavgeia.gov.gr No 6X4P6-07E)
 - E. NU. 353/25 April 2024/IAMD COE Invitation For Bidding (IFB) No FINCON 24-02

1. After taking into account:

1.1 The provisions of the IAMD COE Operational MOU and Financial Administrative Procedures, as References A and B respectively;

1.2 The Circular of the Hellenic Independent Authority for Public Revenue, as Reference C, concerning the tax exemption of the IAMD COE supplies and services;

1.3 The Commitment of Appropriations, as Reference D, regarding the commitments of funds for vehicles rental;

1.4 The Invitation For Bidding (IFB) No FINCON 24-02, as Reference E, concerning the external audit of IAMD COE annual Financial Statements of FYs 2020 - 2023, specifically related to its Shared Budget covering FYs 2021 - 2023;

1.5 The "Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants and Management Consultants Societe Anonyme", hereafter "Grant Thornton" (TAX ID Number: EL 094399329, Katehaki Av. 58, Athens, 11525, Greece) proposal, dated 14 May 2024 (12:41), as received through sourceONE internet application (Request for Quote with code: fnc-iamd-172721);

1.6 The following:

1.6.1 Evaluation strategy: The assessment process rigorously prioritized the analytical review of bidder submissions, with a strategic focus on discerning the financially optimal solution for the IAMD COE. Proposals were me-

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ticulously evaluated, with the primary criterion being cost minimization while ensuring compliance with the stipulated requirements;

1.6.2 Compliance and eligibility: Rigorous scrutiny confirmed that all bidder(s) and their respective bid(s) fully adhered to the bidding terms and instructions, the general provisions, and the specialised provisions and technical specifications delineated in the respective IFB, ensuring their qualification for subsequent evaluation stages;

1.6.3 Determination of Contractor responsibility: Verification processes have ascertained that the prospective contractor possesses a satisfactory performance history and maintains robust integrity and ethical business practices. This includes adherence to relevant tax and employment laws, with an understanding that the contractor will be required to furnish clearance certificates for fiscal and insurance contributions prior to any disbursement of funds;

1.6.4 Competition requirements: It has been confirmed that the bidding process was conducted competitively, ensuring that all potential bidders were treated with impartiality, fairness, and equity. This included the meticulous handling of sensitive commercial information and the broad dissemination of the invitation to bid through the Central Electronic Public Procurement Registry (KIM-DIS) and the sourceONE application, an e-procurement/e-tender platform;

1.6.5 Cost-effective and efficient contracting: Assurance has been provided that the prospective contractor complies with the procurement terms and conditions, delivering the most cost-effective and efficient solution to meet the specific needs of the Centre.

1.7 The fact that the proposal submitted from “Grant Thornton” (TAX ID Number: EL094399329):

1.7.1 Is in complete conformity with the bidding terms and instructions, general and special provisions, and the technical specifications established in the respective IFB, having submitted all requisite documentation;

1.7.2 Has been adjudged as the most cost-effective and efficient solution following comprehensive market research. This assessment takes into account that Grant Thornton is one of the world’s leading organisations of independent assurance, tax and advisory firms. Their status as a distinguished entity among chartered accountants of international repute strongly aligns with the Centre’s criteria for selecting external audit professional services.

1.8 The assent of the FINCON - P&C Officer about the current contract award decision;

the Integrated Air and Missile Defence Centre of Excellence (IAMD COE) Director

decides the award

for the requested services, according to the terms and specifications of the IFB No FINCON 24-02, to the firm (contractor) “Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants

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and Management Consultants Societe Anonyme” (TAX ID Number: EL094399329 - S.O.E.L. Reg. No 127) as specified in Annex A.

2. The Contractor:

2.1 Undertakes, immediately upon receipt of the current award decision, the legal obligation for the implementation of its responsibilities concerning the delivery of the required services in full compliance with the terms of the respective IFB, its bid and the respective Engagement Letter (for the statutory audit of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023) enclosed herein;

2.2 Is kindly requested to:

2.2.1 Proceed with the signing of the respective contracts following this award decision, according to the Centre’s FINCON - P&C Officer instructions (advertised on sourceONE application - “Communication” tab);

2.2.2 Perform in the best possible way the execution of its obligations in full cooperation with the competent staff of the Centre.

3. The current contract award decision is being advertised through the Central Electronic Public Procurement Registry and is notified to the contractor through the sourceONE application.

4. Points of Contact (POC) are: CPT (OF-2) Evangelos BALTADOROS, IAMD COE Financial Controller, e-mail: fincon@iamd-coe.org, tel.: 2821440712 and 1st LT (OF-1) Pavlos BOURNAZOS P&C Officer, e-mail: procurement@iamd-coe.org, tel.: 2821440736.

FOR THE IAMD COE



B. GEN (OF-6) Nikolaos MAKRYGIANNIS GRC (AF)
Director

ANNEXES:

A. Contract Award No FINCON 24-02

ENCLOSURES:

1. Grant Thornton - Integrated Air and Missile Defence Centre of Excellence (IAMD COE) “Engagement Letter for the statutory audit of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023”

DISTRIBUTION:

External:

Action:

Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants and Management Consultants Societe Anonyme, Katehaki Av. 58, Athens, 11525, Greece

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ANNEX A TO
 IAMD COE NU.411/15 MAY 24

CONTRACT AWARD No FINCON 24-02

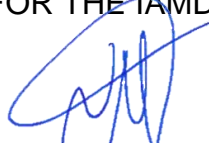
| S/N | Contractor | Item Awarded | | Value of Award | Justification of Award | |
|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| | | Description ⁽¹⁾ | | Total Price ⁽²⁾ (€ - without VAT) | Remarks | Evaluation strategy |
| 1 | GRANT THORNTON TAX ID Number: EL094399329 (Katehaki Av. 58, Athens, 11525, Greece) | Audit Fees | IAMD COE Financial Statements of FY 2020 | 800,00 | Full compliance with required technical specifications - description of deliverables | Most cost-effective and efficient solution |
| | | | IAMD COE Financial Statements of FY 2021 | 2.000,00 | | |
| | | | IAMD COE Financial Statements of FY 2022 | 2.000,00 | | |
| | | | IAMD COE Financial Statements of FY 2023 | 2.000,00 | | |
| | | Associated costs | Estimated (maximum) costs to be incurred for the purpose of conducting the audit engagement (such as travel and accommodation costs, etc.) | 1.700,00 (ceiling) | | |
| Total (maximum) Value for Contractor "GRANT THORNTON" | | | | 8.500,00 | | |

LEGEND

(1) Short description is depicted - full specifications and description of services requested are as the Contractor's respective bid which is in full compliance with the requirements set with the respective IFB (Part III).

(2) Purchases are exempt from Value Added Taxes (VAT), taking into account the status of the Centre under the Paris Protocol and the respective Supplementary Agreement.

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 Director