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## **Sonar 2117 In Service Support (ERMC)**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042b4a

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[oliver.prideaux100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:oliver.prideaux100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[HTTP://des.mod.uk](http://des.mod.uk)

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Sonar 2117 In Service Support (ERMC)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38113000 - Sonars

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Capability Development, Underwater and Electronic Warfare (CD UEW) Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to place a new single source contract with BAE Systems for in service support of Sonar 2117.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The contract is for the provision of in service support of Sonar 2117 until March 2029.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Criterion: Single Source 100%

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Proposed 3 Year Contract with 2 Year Option.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- 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:

S2117 is a software tool that is used to assess the impact of tactical active sonar deployment and the potential harm to marine mammals. The new S2117 came into service in 2022 as an update to the previously outdated S2117 software and is used on various platforms within the Royal Navy. BAES are the Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM) for this system software.

It is considered that the award of this contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance Regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons. BAE hold the expertise, technical knowhow and understanding of this specific capability, including a detailed technical understanding of how the key functional parts of the software should interact and knowledge of specific range readings between these key components. For these reasons, it is not considered that another provider could deliver the required level of technical support (e.g., defect resolution, software updates etc) to the software tool in its current design. A redesign of the current software would be strictly impractical on the grounds it would not meet the timescales required by the Authority and therefore contract obligations could not be met without introducing unacceptable technical risk to MOD capability.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

708753450

### **Title**

Sonar 2117 In Service Support (ERMC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 December 2023

#### **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**

BAES COMBAT SYSTEMS

Farnborough

GU14 6YU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,000,000

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

DE&S Ships

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom