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Contract

# **LASER INDUCED BREAKDOWN SPECTROMETER MACHINES**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

PORTSMOUTH

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.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**

LASER INDUCED BREAKDOWN SPECTROMETER MACHINES

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

- 38433000 - Spectrometers

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

Supplies

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

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##### **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: £775,832.10

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Purchase of 3 Laser induced breakdown spectrometer machines.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options for support for years 6-10.

**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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

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

Explanation:

The Royal Navy, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 10 year contract with a value of £775832 to GasTops Ltd for the purchase and support of 3 Laser Induced Breakdown Spectrometers (Spectrometer), which are used to analyse component damage on aircraft.

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

This is because this Spectrometer is considered to be the only equipment available in the market with the bespoke capability to automatically and autonomously identify the materials composition of debris particles generated within aircraft oil wetted systems, using the required analytical method of Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

## **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 January 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**

GAS TOPS

Ottawa

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £775,832.10

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom