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## **User Filled Off Route Mines**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.army.gov.uk](http://www.army.gov.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**

User Filled Off Route Mines

Reference number

713756451

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

- 35331400 - Land mines

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

Supplies

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

Army Commercial, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MoD"), intends to award a contract to Alford Technologies Ltd ("Alford"), to procure GLADIUS User Filled Off Route Mine systems. This will mitigate a current capability gap in Lethal Barriers (mines). This procurement directly increases lethality by providing a means for defensive actions, offensive ambush and sabotage. This equipment will be used to support training, capability development and to bolster NATO readiness and interoperability for operations.

The contract is proposed to be entered into early 2025 and will have a duration of approximately 3 months, dependent upon production timelines. The contract has an estimated value of £1,000,000.00 (one million pounds) and will be placed as a Supply contract.

#### **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

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South East England

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

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The contract is proposed to be entered into early 2025 and will have a duration of approximately 3 months, dependent upon production timelines. The contract has an estimated value of £1,000,000.00 (one million pounds) and will be placed as a Supply contract.

### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior 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:

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The contract is proposed to be entered into early 2025 and will have a duration of approximately 3 months, dependent upon production timelines. The contract has an estimated value of £1,000,000.00 (one million pounds) and will be placed as a Supply contract.

Procurement of a user-filled mine system, identical to in-service systems, will minimise Defence Lines of Development (DLOD) impacts and align with the existing safety case for in-service systems. The GLADIUS system is in use with multiple elements of UK Armed Forces and eleven other NATO nations, presenting opportunities for shared knowledge, training, and interoperability whilst on operations with common spares which will increase operational resilience.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (the

“DSPCR 2011”) as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons and regulation 16(1)(b)(i)(bb) relating to technical difficulties in the operation and maintenance of the existing goods.

This is because Alford is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and Intellectual Property (IP) owner of the GLADIUS User Filled Mine System. Therefore, Alford is the only economic operator with the proprietary information to meet this requirement and meet MoD’s capability gap.

#### **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**

713756451

### **Title**

713756451 - User Filled Off Route Mines

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 January 2025

#### **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**

Alfords Technologies limited

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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.3) Additional information**

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a subcontractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

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

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

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Country

United Kingdom

