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## **713217453 Underwater Mobility (UWM) In-Service Support (ISS)**

Ministry of Defence

F16: Prior information notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

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**For the attention of**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

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

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:**

713217453 Underwater Mobility (UWM) In-Service Support (ISS)

**II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

**NUTS code**

- UKK - South West (England)

**II.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

**II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services**

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to advise Industry that Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) team are undertaking market research for the provision of Underwater Mobility (UWM) In-Service Support (ISS).

The SALMO Delivery Team (DT) have a requirement for the provision of ISS to the UWM portfolio of equipment.

The UWM portfolio, maintained by SALMO, provides UK Strategic Command (UKSC), Royal Navy and Army end Users with critical underwater manoeuvre capabilities for specialist Military Diving Teams. In order to maintain this capability, each of the Master Equipments (MEs), listed below, must be supported and sustained with through-life support. This contract will see the continued support of the UWM portfolio.

This contract will provide In-Service Support (ISS) for the UWM equipment as listed below:

- Medium Range Diver Propulsion Devices (MRDPD)
- Short Range Diver Propulsion Devices (SRDPD)
- Handheld Sonars (HHS), including SeaTrac
- Other equivalent or similar UWM assets that move into service as directed by the commands, including replacement systems and upgrades.

The proposed contract will require ISS as well as the ability to procure replacement equipment at the direction of the Authority.

Organisations must be able to provide sole UK National Security Cleared (SC) staff to deliver the contract.

The proposed UWM ISS contract will be for five (5) years, with two (2) additional one (1) year options to extend. If all the options to extend are exercised by the Authority, the contract duration will be a total of seven (7) years.

Estimated value of overall procurement (including options) is £14.9M (ex VAT).

This PIN is open to responses from companies that have suitable experience in the ISS of UWM equipment. This PIN is not a means to seek formal expressions of interest; the opportunity for such may become available when the SALMO DT has an improved understanding of the market. If you are interested in this procurement, please submit responses to [deshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk](mailto:deshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk) by Friday 14th February 2025.

Tentative dates to note (subject to change):

Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) – September 2025

## Contract Award –January 2026

In issuing this PIN and engaging with the market, neither SALMO nor the Ministry of Defence are committing to carry out any procurement in relation to the information stated in this PIN.

### **Estimated value excluding VAT**

£14,938,241.86

### **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 98363000 - Diving services

### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.