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Awarded contract

**16000000**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<HTTPS://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**

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

- 34513550 - Survey vessels

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

Supplies

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

Procurement of 3rd AUV under project sustain

#### **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: £16,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Procurement of 3rd AUV under project sustain.

### **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

- 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:

[ 23/ 01/ 2023 15:32] Davies, Huw Professional II (DES Ships Comrcl-SALMO-2):

No Title

The Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) Team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Kongsberg Maritime Ltd (Kongsberg) for the supply of an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (UAV) and associated secure operational infrastructure. The contract has an estimated value of £16m and a duration of 3 years.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract is regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (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 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 with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Kongsberg is considered to be the only supplier in the market with a UAV which has the capability to operate at a depth of 6000m for a period of more than 48 hours. It is also a requirement that the new UAV is able to operate interchangeably with two existing UAVs and as part of a wider integrated survey system capable of being installed on any vessel, all elements of which have previously been procured from Kongsberg as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

#### **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**

706618450

### **Title**

Procurement of 3rd AUV under project sustain

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

23 January 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**

Kongsberg Maritime AS

Strandpromenaden 50

Horten

NO-3183

Country

Norway

NUTS code

- NO - Norway

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: £16,000,000

### **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**

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