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## Hologram Table

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

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**Region code**

UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

**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**

Hologram Table

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a supply contract with Axiom

Holographics for the purchase of a Hologram Table for the use by Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) Maritime research programme to demonstrate the visualisation of ship information using 3D technology. The duration of the contract will be 14 months and has an estimated value of £135,000 (excluding VAT).

#### **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: 157,500 USD

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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:

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a supply contract with Axiom Holographics for the purchase of a Hologram Table for the use by Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) Maritime research programme to demonstrate the visualisation of ship information using 3D technology. The duration of the contract will be 14 months and has an estimated value of £135,000 (excluding VAT). 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 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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

Axiom Holographics is the only supplier of a COTS hologram tables which allows up to 4 users to simultaneously use the table, with multiple perspectives for different users. The ability to have multiple perspectives for different users is an essential requirement for the Maritime research programme use. Based on the work carried out, the Authority's view is that there is no reasonable alternative or substitute exists that could meet this requirement.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

31 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**

Axiom Holographics International

Murarrie

Country

Australia

NUTS code

- AU - Australia

Australia Company Number

633312277

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 157,500 USD

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Dstl

Porton Down

Country

United Kingdom