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VOLUNTARY TRANSPARENCY NOTICE - 709789452B - Procurement of Cartridge Limpet Mine Disposal Equipment

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.mod.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

709789452B DGM/2042

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35332200 - Sea mines

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Defence General Munitions (DGM) Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a five-year contract (three-year core term and two 1-year options to extend) to ABP Technologies Ltd for the purchase of Cartridges for the MoD's Limpet Mine Disposal Equipment capability (LMDE).

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: £2,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement of Cartridge for Limpet Mine Disposal Equipment

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year options

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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:

The Defence General Munitions (DGM) Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a five-year contract (three-year core term and two 1-year options to extend) to ABP Technologies Ltd for the purchase of Cartridges for the MoD's Limpet Mine Disposal Equipment capability (LMDE). The estimated total value of the proposed award is £2m ex-VAT (£2,400,000 inclusive of VAT).

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 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 the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons.

This is on the basis that the MoD initially launched a competitive procurement process for its requirements (see Contract Notice reference: 2023/S 000-037214) published in the UK e-notification service) and only ABP Technologies submitted a response to the Pre-Qualification (Supplier Selection) Questionnaire, meaning the lack of response from the wider market signifies that only this supplier has the technical capability to provide the required LMDE Cartridges.

In addition, on the basis that (a) the market has been properly tested; (b) the required LMDE Cartridges are obsolete; and (c) ABP Technologies is the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the LMDE system which the Cartridges fit into, the MoD believes that only ABP Technologies has the necessary technical designs, tools, parts, knowledge and know-how required to deliver the MoD's requirements.

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/concession

Contract No

709789452B DGM/2042

Title

Procurement of Cartridge Limpet Mine Disposal Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2024

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

www.abp-technologies.co.uk

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,400,000

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V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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