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S&MOCB/3385: Remote Freeboard Sensor Package and associated Software Modifications

Ministry of Defence: Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence: Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO)

Bristol

Email

desshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

S&MOCB/3385: Remote Freeboard Sensor Package and associated Software Modifications

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71631420 - Maritime safety inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The procurement is for a remote freeboard sensing system comprising of a suite of radar freeboard sensors, mounting hardware, wireless transmission solution and software modifications necessary to enable real time freeboard sensor data to be displayed and assessed in the Herbert-ABS salvage software.

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: £116,342

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement is for a remote freeboard sensing system comprising of a suite of radar freeboard sensors, mounting hardware, wireless transmission solution and software modifications necessary to enable real time freeboard sensor data to be displayed and assessed in the Herbert-ABS salvage software.

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

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:

Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO), part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to award a contract (S&MOCB/3385) to Herbert-ABS for the provision of freeboard sensors package and integration with the Herbert-ABS software used by SALMO.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 32(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulation (PCR) 2015 for technical reasons.

SALMO require an integrated hardware-software solution to enable real time freeboard sensor data to be displayed and assessed in the Herbert-ABS salvage software. Only Herbert-ABS solely possess the unique technical knowledge required to specify hardware that is compatible with their software. Any other supplier attempting to deliver this requirement would need access to Herbert-ABS' proprietary technical information to successfully modify the software, specify compatible hardware and conduct the hardware-software integration.

Herbert-ABS have not and will not provide access to any third parties to data used in the configuration of the freeboard sensor package. The software used in conjunction with this package is fully developed and supported by Herbert-ABS, and no third parties have access or capabilities to make changes to the software, therefore, only Herbert-ABS possess the unique technical knowledge required to enable real time freeboard sensor output to be integrated into the software immediately from the start of the contract and not possible to obtain this integrated hardware-software solution from an alternative supplier.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 February 2022

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

Herbert-ABS Software Solutions, LLC

1040 Marina Village Parkway

Alameda

CA 94501

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £116,342

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

MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom