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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03170e

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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](mailto: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

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## **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

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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:

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

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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**

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom