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Contract

Purchase of REMUS 300M Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042e45

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://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

Purchase of REMUS 300M Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of REMUS 300M Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

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: 5,999,267 USD

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase of REMUS 300M Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract with a value of £4.7m to Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) for the purchase of five 300m-capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SUAVs) to the Royal Navy. 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 (PCR 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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because Royal Navy needs to be able to use equipment that is interchangeable with the US Navy for partnership operations and the equipment must be compatible with current systems already in operation. HII are the sole manufacturers of those equipment, and they are the only supplier with the capability to deliver this contract. No alternative or substitutes can be used as this equipment is already in operation by the US Navy. The total duration of this contract does not exceed 3 years.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

710287450

Title

Purchase of REMUS 300M Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HII Unmanned Systems

Fareham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ35 - South Hampshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 5,999,267 USD

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Navy Command Commercial

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom