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## **706163450 - Additional RF Monitoring Capability - Nodes**

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a7c5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Companies House**

CRFS Limited

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-digital>

**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**

706163450 - Additional RF Monitoring Capability - Nodes

Reference number

706163450

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

A one year single source framework to source RF Spectrum Monitoring capability (TDOA and AOA) to support Spectrum Monitoring for large events, interference investigations

and exercise support.

#### **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: £648,303

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Single Source under Regulation 32(5)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 - the complexity of the goods and associated requirements for interoperability of the new goods and the existing goods and the need for standardisation of equipment in the defence and security arenas, requires supply by the same manufacturer.

#### **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:

Defence Digital, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to CRFS Ltd, for the purchase of AoA and TDoA RF Monitoring nodes from CRFS that will be used with the

existing TDoA nodes MOD currently owns, previously purchased from CRFS.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 32(5)(b) of the UK Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for additional purchase or hire of goods from the original supplier where they are in addition to existing goods. This is because the complexity of the goods and the associated requirements for interoperability of the new goods and the existing goods and the need for standardisation of equipment in the defence and security arena, requires supply by the same manufacturer. A change in supplier to obtain similar equipment would result in incompatibility with the goods covered by the original contract.

#### 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

### Contract No

706163450

### Title

RF Monitoring Capability - Single Source Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

23 February 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**

CRFS Limited

Cambridge

CB25 9TL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

CRFS Limited - 06133936

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: £648,303

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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existing TDoA nodes MOD currently owns, previously purchased from CRFS.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 32(5)(b) of the UK Public

Contracts Regulations 2015 for additional purchase or hire of goods from the original supplier where they are in addition to existing goods. This is because the complexity of the goods and the associated requirements for interoperability of the new goods and the existing goods and the need for standardisation of equipment in the defence and security arena, requires supply by the same manufacturer. A change in supplier to obtain similar equipment would result in incompatibility with the goods covered by the original contract.

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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