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Contract

UPGRADE AND SUPPORT OF SRS FUSION - 702791450

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031dd1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Email

eleanor.towler100@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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

UPGRADE AND SUPPORT OF SRS FUSION - 702791450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Upgrade and Support of existing MOD SRS FUSION Devices

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: £209,800

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- US - United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Upgrade of existing equipment.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option for Level 3 corrective maintenance package per system

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 Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 2 year contract with a value of £183,000 to Strategic Robotic Systems (SRS) for the support and upgrade of the FUSION Remotely Operated Vehicle (Vehicle), which is used to carry out ordonnance disposal in ports and harbours.

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 SRS is the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the Vehicle. No other supplier would have the technical expertise, know-how and technical documentation (including in particular the source code for the Vehicle's software) necessary to safely support and upgrade the Vehicle. A new supplier would need to reverse engineer the software, which would introduce unacceptable risk to the integrity of the Vehicle, its functionality and its operational effectiveness.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2022

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

Strategic Robot Systems

14842 NE 95th Street

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £209,800

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Portsmouth

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