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Contract

## **Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0362b2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

#### **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**

Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

For Transparency Purposes Only - Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)

##### **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: 7,960,083 USN

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Purchase of 6 x 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: . / Weighting: .

#### **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

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 6-month contract with a value of £6.9million to Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) for the purchase of six 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.

#### 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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-023694](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

**Contract No**

704533450

**Title**

Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract****V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 October 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**

HII Unmanned Systems, Inc.

Pocasset

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 7,960,083 USD

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

MOD

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom