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Award

714091450 Hecla Floats & Gliders

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e545

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Email

Lynne.Nazer100@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region 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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £1,110,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

HMNB Devonport

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to procure gliders

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 2 year contract with a value of £1,110,000 Ex VAT to Teledyne Webb Research for the purchase of 40 disposable autonomous commercial profiling floats 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(5)(b) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because Royal Navy needs to be able to arrange for additional deliveries by the original supplier which are intended either as a partial replacement of supplies or installations or as the extension of existing supplies or installations where a change of supplier would oblige the contracting authority to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

A contract with a different supplier would result in incompatibility with currently owned RN assets with resulting unacceptable differences in terms of data and maintenance as well as with US assets whose operational goals require shared data and usage. This would have an unacceptable impact on Geospatial Intelligence sharing with the US. The current systems have a proved accredited data path which enables support to current and future operations and this can only be met by Teledyne Webb Research as no alternative or substitutes can be used for interoperability reasons.

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/concession

Contract No

714091450

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 February 2025

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

Teledyne Instruments, Inc. Trading as Teledyne Webb Research

49 Edgerton Drive North Falmouth MA 02556 USA

North Falmouth

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,110,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom