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## **Broadcast of the Time From NPL**

National Physical Laboratory

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03223d

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

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

National Physical Laboratory

Hampton Road

Teddington

TW11 0LW

#### **Email**

[nina.heath@npl.co.uk](mailto:nina.heath@npl.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.npl.co.uk](http://www.npl.co.uk)

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Broadcast of the Time From NPL

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

- 64000000 - Postal and telecommunications services

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

Services

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

Broadcast of the Time From NPL (formerly MSF 60kHz Standard Frequency & Time Service)

We are purchasing the service to provide, operate and maintain the MSF signal at a carrier frequency of 60 kHz. The effective radiated power of the signal shall be sufficient to provide a minimum field strength of 100 uVolts / m at a distance of 1000km from the transmitter, and shall cover the whole of mainland UK. The contractor shall provide at least 2 frequency standards able to maintain the carrier frequency at 60 kHz to within 2E-12 (2 parts in 10 to the power of 12) over a period of 30 days without dependence on off-air reception of any signal and shall provide the equipment required to generate and to monitor the correct time and date code at the Transmission Station.

#### **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: £1,999,268

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

NPL Management Ltd

Hampton Road

Teddington

TW11 0LW

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

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Contract length: 5 Years.

#### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

We are awarding this contract directly as no other provider has come forward to offer the service, and we believe that there is no other infrastructure other than that currently installed at Anthorne, operated by Babcock International, that is able to offer this service.

Related PIN reference number: 2022-040278

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 March 2022

#### **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**

Babcock Communications Limited

Floor 2 Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street

London

SE1 0TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £1,999,268

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NPL Management Ltd

Hampton Road

Teddington

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Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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