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Contract

## **Profiling Floats for Ocean Data Collection**

Met Office

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

Other type

Meteorological Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Meteorological

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Profiling Floats for Ocean Data Collection

Reference number

DN583184

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

- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments

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

Supplies

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

Framework Agreement for supply of profiling floats for ocean data collection, covering the following lots:

Lot 1: Standard Argo with Iridium Communications

Lot 2: Iridium Floats with Bio-Geochemical Sensors

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £900,000 / Highest offer: £1,900,000 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Standard Argo with Iridium Communications

Lot No

1

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

- 38200000 - Geological and geophysical instruments

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

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

The floats must carry proven temperature, salinity and pressure sensors that meet the following standards. The temperatures are accurate to  $\pm 0.002^{\circ}\text{C}$  and pressures are accurate to  $\pm 2.4$  dbar. For salinity, the data delivered in real time are sometimes affected by sensor drift, for many floats this drift is small and the uncorrected salinities are accurate to  $\pm 0.01$  psu. (At a later stage, salinities are checked by comparing older floats with newly deployed instruments and ship-based data, where salinity drifts may be corrected for.)

The data must be transmitted with at least the following resolution  $0.001^{\circ}\text{C}$  in temperature, 0.001 in salinity and 0.1 dbar in pressure.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Compliance to Technical Requirements / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

## **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Iridium Floats with Bio-Geochemical Sensors

Lot No

2

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

- 38200000 - Geological and geophysical instruments

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

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

Bio-geochemical floats must be capable of meeting the core (standard) Argo requirements, therefore the floats must carry a proven temperature, salinity and pressure sensor that meets the following standards. The temperatures are accurate to  $\pm 0.002^{\circ}\text{C}$  and pressures are accurate to  $\pm 2.4\text{dbar}$ . For salinity, the data delivered in real time are sometimes affected by sensor drift, for many floats this drift is small and the uncorrected salinities are accurate to  $\pm 0.01\text{psu}$ . (At a later stage, salinities are checked by comparing older floats with newly deployed instruments and ship-based data, where salinity drift may be corrected for.)

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2021/S 000-028989](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

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DN583184

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Standard Argo with Iridium Communications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Swale Technologies Ltd

6 Greenacres Courtyard, Monument Park

Chalgrove

OX44 7RW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Internet address

<https://swaleocean.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

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

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NKE Instruments

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France

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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