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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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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

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 $\pm 2.4\text{dbar}$. 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 ± 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 °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

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Section V. Award of contract

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Lot No

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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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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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