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Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=53811>

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

- 38113000 - Sonars

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Underwater Electronic Warfare (UEW) in Maritime Combat Systems (MCS), which is part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), proposes to place a contract with Thales UK Limited (Company Number 0868273) ("the Company") for the supply of capability enhancements to the Sonar 2087 (S2087) System.

Time extension options covering existing scope.

Option for Step 7 (Procurement and Installation of Capability)

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: £110,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contract covers the supply of hardware and software (“the Goods”), which includes evaluating potential high-technology-readiness-level solutions from multiple original equipment suppliers (OEMs) by trialling their ability to interface with the S2087 System and deliver the required capability enhancements. When trials are successful, the Goods will be designed, built and installed on the S2087 System, which is in service on Royal Navy frigates.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Technical Compliance 50

Criterion: Commercial Compliance 50

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Time extension options covering existing scope.

Option for Step 7 (Procurement and Installation of Capability)

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 procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

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The estimated value of the supply is £110M (one hundred and ten million pounds) and its duration is 3.5 (three-and-a-half) years with an option for a further 1 (one) year.

116 required capability enhancements have been identified for the S2087 System. The aim of the Project is to deliver as many capability enhancements as is reasonably possible within the timeframe and estimated value.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 16(1)(b)(i) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons. The Company is the only economic operator with the technical know how necessary to work closely with the MOD and OEMs to ensure the Goods are to the required standard of

compatibility with the existing installed S2087 System. The Company designed, built and installed the S2087 System, and has continuously supported the System since it entered into service. The Company holds all the technical publications, performance data and drawings on the S2087 System and has unique knowledge and experience of its interfaces with the Royal Navy frigate Combat System Equipment and Combat System Highway.

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

702409453

Title

Spearhead Sonar 2087 Design Authority Capability Insertion Project (S2087 DA-CIP)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 August 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

Thales UK

Cheshire

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: £110,000,000

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

Defence Equipment & Support (Maritime Combat Systems - UEW)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom