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# Combined values of the EID requirement and two year support.

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

# I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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**United Kingdom** 

# Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support

# 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

Combined values of the EID requirement and two year support.

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 50333000 - Maintenance services of radio-communications equipment

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Ships Sensor and Monitoring System placement of EID and Two-year extension.

#### 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: £4,900,000

# II.2) Description

# II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKK11 - Bristol, City of

# II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ships Sensor and Monitoring System placement of EID and Two-year extension.

# II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

# 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

# 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
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

### **Explanation:**

- 1. The Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority) through the Communications & Situational Awareness (CSA) Project Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), intends to extend the extant Contract CSA/3060 with BAE Systems Surface Ships Limited (New Malden) ("the Contractor") for the continuing through-life maintenance and support, including spares provision, across T45 and QEC Classes for Ships Sensors and Monitoring Systems for a period of 2 (two) years from July 2023 until July 2025 in accordance with the intent in the original advert to contract for a period of 3 years with a possible additional 2 years; all within the advertised value of £4.99M.
- 2. 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 (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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.
- 3. The Contractor is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) for each of the SSAMS systems. As such, it is the only company with the drawings/schematics, historic development and integration information, system expertise and test equipment to provide the necessary technical support to ensure that the SSAMS

systems, the vessels in which they are fitted, and the aircraft operating from them all function together safely and comply with legislation, and, in the case of METOC, meet the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) requirements.

- 4. Additionally, the Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority) through the CSA Project Team within DE&S, intends to amend the extant Contract CSA/3060 with BAE Systems Surface Ships Limited (New Malden) ("the Contractor") for the provision and support of a capability to enable the use of the Electronic Information Displays (EIDs) fitted to HMS Prince of Wales requiring development and integration of bespoke software and associated new hardware to a maximum value of £0.6M (ex VAT).
- 5. Enabling the EID capability allows HMS PRINCE of WALES and its embarked aircraft to operate safely and in accordance with required operational tempo to maintain an operationally critical capability.
- 6. Overall configuration control of Software, System Architecture and Hardware must be strictly and effectively managed, to ensure the system elements remain correctly integrated and interoperable. For these reasons, only the existing Contractor can meet these requirements.
- 7. This new capability will require the requisite regulatory certification before it is allowed onboard. A third-party would not possess the required equipment or system background knowledge to provide the advice or documentation required, permitting Safety Certification, Security Accreditation and interoperability of the equipment whilst ensuring functionality is maintained and remains certified through life.

#### 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**

CSA/3060

#### **Title**

Ship Sensor and Monitoring System (SSAMS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

# V.2) Award of contract/concession

# V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2023

# 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

**BAE Systems** 

Portsmouth

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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: £4,900,000

# 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

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom