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714186451 - Procurement of Oceanographic UUVs and UUV spares-Transparency Notice

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714186451

Description

Procurement of Oceanographic UUVs and UUV spares. Please see description of how Direct Award justifications apply for further details.

Contract 1. 714186451 - Procurement of Oceanographic UUVs and

UUV spares

Supplier

- [Teledyne Instruments Inc. d/b/a Teledyne Webb Research](#)

Contract value

- £2,750,000 excluding VAT
- £3,300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 March 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 2 years, 11 days

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Initial contract value of £1,800,000 inc VAT with options to increase to £3,300,000 inc VAT.

Options expected to include provision of additional goods, also provision of training and integration services.

CPV classifications

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances
- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles
- 38296000 - Surveying instruments

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

None

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 2 year contract with a value of £2,750,000 ex VAT (£3,300,000 including VAT) to Teledyne Instruments Inc. d/b/a Teledyne Webb Research for the purchase of [6] new UUVs (Slocum G3 Gliders) and associated UUV spares. In accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA 2023), 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 Schedule 5, paragraph 6 of the PA 2023 because competition is absent for technical reasons and Schedule 5, paragraph 7 of the PA 2023 as a change in supplier would result in the MOD receiving goods and services which are incompatible with the existing Gliders and spares and that incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. This is because Teledyne Instruments Inc d/b/a Teledyne Webb Research are the only manufacturers of the equipment and the only supplier with the technical knowledge and design information to provide compatible payloads with existing equipment held by the Royal Navy. There are specific interoperability requirements which require these payloads to work with the existing equipment to ensure that safety and operational requirements can be met and to enable seamless interoperability of payload data.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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