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Seafox Follow on Support Contract

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02ab6d

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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

NUTS code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Seafox Follow on Support Contract

Reference number

701480380

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90523300 - Mine sweeping services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defence Equipment and Support Group (DE&S) part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence ("the Authority") intends to place a contract with Atlas Elektronik (AEUK) for the Follow on Support of Seafox MDS until March 2030.

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: £36,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority's requirement is for the provision of in-service support to a complex system configured of multiple integrated sub-systems which is further integrated with multiple complex third-party systems. System capability (including technical interoperability between complex third-party systems,) must be sustained in order to ensure effective operational capability of the UK's Royal Navy Fleet.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Single Source 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 1 year options

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

- 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:

It is considered that pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation 16(a)(ii) of the EU Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011), this contract can be placed using the Negotiated procedure without prior publication of a Contract Notice for technical reasons where the contract may be awarded only to a particular economic operator, as detailed in this notice.

Atlas Elektronik (AEUK) are the only supplier with access to the necessary means, tools and specific know-how and expertise to provide these support services to ensure that the equipment, the platforms in which they are fitted and all function effectively and safely. AEUK are licenced by their parent company AE GmbH (the OEM and Design Authority) to have access to the system's required technical information, technical drawings and data. Without access to these documents and data it is not possible to fulfil this requirement as it would not be possible to meet all the required standards, including safety and technical standards. As the only economic operator with the required access AEUK are the only operator that can fulfil this requirement.

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

701480380

Title

Seafox Follow on Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 April 2021

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

ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK

Dorchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

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: £36,000,000

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom