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## **Installation of the KRS Communication System onto Wave Class Vessels**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-032f47

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[luke.ellis128@mod.gov.uk](mailto:luke.ellis128@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Installation of the KRS Communication System onto Wave Class Vessels

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

Undertake re-design, adaption/modification work as necessary to allow the KRS Communication System to fitted to the Wave Class vessels. The requirement will utilise GFE KRS units.

##### **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: £6,000,000

#### **II.2) Description**

##### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Defence Equipment & Support, part of the UK Ministry of Defence on behalf of The Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority) intends to award a Contract to Thales SIX (Crawley) ("the Contractor") for the repurposing, upgrading and modification of the Authority's existing spare T23 KRS (KMY Replacement System) assets and subsequent integration and fitting onto the Authority's FRA Wave Class vessels together with continued through-life maintenance and support including spares provision thereby providing a common support solution across T23 and Wave Class. The value of the estimated contract is £6million.

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 (in accordance with 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 .

This is on the basis that the Authority has insufficient rights to pass the necessary data and information to undertake the requirement to third parties and that only the Contractor as Original Equipment Design Authority has the accumulated technical knowledge, expertise and know-how at its disposal required to provide the requirement in particular in relation to the full system design, build and integration.. . This includes the intimate knowledge and understanding of the existing equipment used across the fleet and to provide the necessary services and development of bespoke solutions to address the requirement to fit into the WAVE class. Furthermore only the Contractor can provide certification of the safety and interoperability of the equipment and through-life spares and maintenance work and security accreditation requirements where necessary to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority .

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Re-design of the KRS Equipment to adapt system for Wave Class vessels.

Modification and Installation of KRS.

Through life maintenance and support.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **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:

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#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 April 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

Crawley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

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: £6,000,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

DE&S

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom