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Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

MOD, Abby Wood, Bristol

Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **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

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

12000000

Reference number

710076450

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

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

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

Services

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

The Communications and Situational Awareness Team (MCS-CSA PT) which is part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (the “Authority”) intends to place a contract with Trident Maritime Systems [UK Limited] (the “Company”) for the In-Service Support, including maintenance, repair and replacement component spares for communications and situational awareness equipment fitted to current [and future\*] platforms including but not limited to QEC, LPD, T45, T23, RFA, T26, T31. The term of the proposed contract is envisaged to be five years (with an option for the Authority to extend the contract for an additional two years). The anticipated value of the contract [including options] will be circa £12.5 million (Twelve Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling).

Equipment items included in the scope of the proposed contract are:

- i. Improved Approach Lighting (IAL).

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- vi. AGIMET

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In respect of GPI Mk3, IAL, AGILOG and AGILOG 2, VLA and AGIMET, these equipment items were all originally supplied in each case as complete systems by AGI Ltd involving either original development or commercial off-the-shelf purchases with subsequent modification by AGI Ltd. As the Authority does not have rights in the relevant information in the systems provided by AGI Ltd sufficient for it to provide to a third party to repair and maintain the equipment it is obliged to contract with the successor business of AGI Ltd, namely TMS UK Ltd. Only TMS UK Ltd as successor business has the expertise and know how and experience necessary to undertake the work and only they can provide the relevant safety cases on which the Authority can reasonably rely and which are sufficient for the Authority to discharge its obligations under relevant Aviation Operating Orders and Defence Standards. Furthermore even if a third party were capable of providing the services TMS UK Ltd is unwilling to licence out the ability to undertake the repairs, maintenance and spares provision to a third party. In addition, in relation to certain equipment (GPI Mk3 and IAL) TMS UK Ltd has developed bespoke testing equipment which only they have at their disposal to carry out the required services.

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#### **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: £12,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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#### **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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Contract No**

710076450

### **Title**

VLA ISS

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

2 April 2024

**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**

MOD

Bristol

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £12,000,000

Lowest offer: £11,000,000 / Highest offer: £12,000,000 taken into consideration

**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**

MOD Abby Wood

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Country

United Kingdom