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Contract

## Floats and Gliders

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e545

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### Email

[Lynne.Nazer100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Lynne.Nazer100@mod.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.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**

Floats and Gliders

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

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

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

Supplies

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

Project HECLA has previously procured a stockpile (x125) of disposable oceanographic profiling floats (OPFs) known as the APEX Argo profiling floats and routinely deploys them in support of oceanographic COLLECT. These OPF enables COMOPS to SUSTAIN, ENHANCE, PREPARE and UNDERSTAND the ocean environment globally to build the Oceanographic Intelligence and best deliver assets to effect Theatre Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) in the most critical areas. The requirement to collect Oceanographic data is enduring.

#### **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: £1,110,000

## **II.2) Description**

#### **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: Yes

Description of options

Additional purchases

#### **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**

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 2 year contract with a value of £1,110,000 Ex VAT to Teledyne Webb Research for the purchase of 40 disposable autonomous commercial profiling floats to the Royal Navy. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319).

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 32(5)(b) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because Royal Navy needs to be able to arrange for additional deliveries by the original supplier which are intended either as a partial replacement of supplies or installations or as the extension of existing supplies or installations where a change of supplier would oblige the contracting authority to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

A contract with a different supplier would result in incompatibility with currently owned RN assets with resulting unacceptable differences in terms of data and maintenance as well as with US assets whose operational goals require shared data and usage. This would have an unacceptable impact on Geospatial Intelligence sharing with the US. The current systems have a proved accredited data path which enables support to current and future operations and this can only be met by Teledyne Webb Research as no alternative or substitutes can be used for interoperability reasons.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-006328](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Teledyne Webb Research, a Business Unit of Teledyne Instruments, Inc.

49 Edgerton Drive, North Falmouth, MA 02556, United States

North Falmouth

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,110,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

MOD

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom