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Contract

714186451-Procurement of Oceanographic UUVs and UUV spares-CDN

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714186451

Description

A 2-year contract has been awarded for the purchase of up to [6] new UUVs (Slocum G3 Gliders) and associated UUV spares.

The contract contains options to include provision of additional goods, provision of training and integration services. There is also an option for a 1x 12 month extension period to enable contract end date to be extended until 31 March 2028.

Contract 1. 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

Date signed

26 March 2025

Contract dates

- 27 March 2025 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 3 years, 5 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract will include the option to extend by up to 12 months after the initial end date of 31 March 2027, giving a maximum duration up to 31 March 2028. The contract is set at an initial value of £1,500,000 ex VAT (£1,800,000 inc VAT) with the option to increase this to a total value of £2,750,000 ex VAT (£3,300,000 inc VAT) to allow for the purchase of

additional goods/services as detailed in the contract.

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract is set at an initial value of £1,500,000 ex VAT (£1,800,000 inc VAT) with options to increase to £2,750,000 ex VAT (£3,300,000 inc VAT).

The contract contains options to allow for the purchase of additional goods and services such as: provision of additional goods, provision of training and provision of integration services.

There is also 1x 12 month extension period to enable contract end date to be extended until 31 March 2028.

CPV classifications

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles
- 38292000 - Hydrographic instruments
- 38296000 - Surveying instruments

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Not mandated for reporting on contracts below £5,000,000 total value (inc VAT).

Other information

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): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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