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## **Procurement of Fibre Optic Cabling and Crimping Kits**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03364d

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

##### **Email**

[jeremy.webster119@mod.gov.uk](mailto:jeremy.webster119@mod.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

#### **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**

Procurement of Fibre Optic Cabling and Crimping Kits

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

- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission

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

Supplies

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

Procurement of ruggedised fibre optic cabling kits in support of existing equipment currently operated by the UK Armed Forces.

#### **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: £475,363.68

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

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

- 31224400 - Connection cables

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

15 Km of Armoured Fibre Optic cabling and associated ancillaries and specific connectors.

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

“The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a contract with Alker Fibre Optic Specialists Ltd (the Contractor) for the provision of Qty 7 Fibre Optic Kits.

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 (in particular 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)(iv) of the DSPCR 2011 for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by, and not attributable to, the contracting authority (the Ministry of Defence), and Reg 16(1)(a)(iii) urgency arising from a crisis – The urgent additional support requirement from NATO to support special Ops, the time limits specified in regulation 17 for the restricted procedure, or regulation 18 for the negotiated procedure, cannot be met.

This is because an immediate risk and credible Risk to Life and material exists for ongoing operations as a result of increased aerial threat in the designated theatre of operation. The fastest and most effective solution to reduce this risk is to rapidly procure a credible, ruggedised fibre optics solution to significantly enhance system reliability. Alker are a proven and credible fibre optic specialist supplier and as such there is a high degree of confidence among engineering SQEP in JSENs that this will meet the requirement.

#### 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**

10 May 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**

Alker Fibre Optic Specialists Ltd

Dormansland

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £475,363.68 / Highest offer: £475,363.68 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**

DE&S

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom