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## **Project BRACIS**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b84e

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Contact**

Carly Williams

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **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**

Project BRACIS

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear delivery team (CBRN DT)— part of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) organisation within the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) – seek to place a contract amendment to an existing contract with Bruhn Newtech Ltd (BNT) for the supply of BRACIS warning and reporting software for a period of 3 years to FY26 with an estimated value of £3M GBP. It is considered that this contract amendment can be awarded using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice, pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011, for technical reasons.

CBRN DT has a continuing requirement to supply CBRN warning and reporting (W&R) software including training. This is essential to provide command and control where CBRN is an aspect of operations. Since the Second World War the majority of UK combat operations have been in coalitions, often including NATO partners. NATO sets common standards for CBRN warning and reporting software. BNT is the only provider who is also a member of the committee that manage updates to the NATO standards (ATTP-45). This ensures BNT software is future proofed against any planned changes to the software. The use of a CBRN warning and reporting software that was not compliant with the NATO standards would result in delays in receiving warnings of a CBRN attack, which would result in a risk to life which is intolerable to the Authority.

Integrating new software applications onto a system as complicated as BOWMAN is technically challenging. The BOWMAN Joint Systems Integration Board (JSIB) currently estimate a period between 5-7 years to integrate and distribute new applications. As BRACIS has previously been integrated into BOWMAN, this work has been carried out. Hence any updates to BRACIS due to changes in the NATO standard are far simpler and

quicker to integrate as the majority of work has already been undertaken.

#### **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: £3,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

Please see short description above.

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This is a Notice to state that a Contract Amendment is being placed with Bruhn Newtech Ltd (BNT) for the supply of BRACIS warning and reporting software for a period of 3 years to FY26 with an estimated value of £3M GBP using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice for technical reasons.

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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 negotiated procedure with prior 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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Any values stated in this notice are provisional and a contract extension has yet to be awarded. The authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract

documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

CBRN/00244

### **Title**

Project BRACIS Contract Amendment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

27 May 2021

#### **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**

Bruhn Newtech Ltd

Suite 6, The Portway Centre, Old Sarum Park

Salisbury

SP4 6EB

Email

[eje@bruhn-newtech.co.uk](mailto:eje@bruhn-newtech.co.uk)

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)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,000,000

#### **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**

CBRN DT

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom