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## **S&MOCB/8007 Provision of UUV Midlife Capability Upgrade**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

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#### **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**

S&MOCB/8007 Provision of UUV Midlife Capability Upgrade

Reference number

701551797 - S&MOCB/8007

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

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

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

Supplies

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

Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO), part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to award a contract (S&MOCB/8007) to Kongsberg Maritime Ltd ('Kongsberg') for the midlife capability upgrade of the in-service KM9 Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) capability.

#### **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: £800,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- NO - Norway

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

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It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulation (DSPCR) 2011 for technical reasons.

The KM9 UUV capability was originally procured from Kongsberg in 2015/16 and Kongsberg has supported it in-service to date. Only Kongsberg holds all the available technical information and equipment (drawings, interfaces, test and calibration specifications/procedures, jigs and tools etc.) necessary to undertake the full mid-life refit of the capability. The KM9 capability has complex internal workings and bespoke hardware and software interfaces. Due to the technical complexity, the MOD considers that another entity would be unable to undertake the refit element without integration difficulties or impact on function due to the technical knowledge required.

### **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

- 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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#### 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**

1 January 1900

#### **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**

Kongsberg Maritime AS

Strandpromenaden 50

3183 Horton

Country

Norway

NUTS code

- NO - Norway

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £800,000

#### **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**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom