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## **711406451 - MSS/186 - Escape, Access & Egress - Ansell Jones**

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

BS34 8JH

#### **Email**

[DESShipsMSS-MaST-SaBP@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESShipsMSS-MaST-SaBP@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region 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**

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

- 44421500 - Armoured or reinforced doors

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

Supplies

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

The Marine Systems Support Output Business Unit (MSS) within the Defence Equipment and Support organisation (DE&S), which is part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (UK MOD), intends to place a 5 year contract (plus two one year option years) with Ansell Jones Limited for Post Design Services, Repairs & Overhaul and the provision of Spares for the Supply of Escape Access and Egress Equipment fitted to HM Ships, at an estimated value of £3.9m.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Defence and Security Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) 2019 Regulations (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (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 placement of this contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in

accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 (as amended) for technical reasons.

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#### **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: £3,900,000

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

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

- 44421500 - Armoured or reinforced doors

#### **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

Any subsequent Contract is intended to contain two Options of one year extensions.

### **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**

A published Opportunity Listing referencing this Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice can be found at the following link:

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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:

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Ansell Jones are the Design Authority and manufacturer of the in-service watertight Escape, Access & Egress equipment installed and integrated on a variety of HM Naval Ships. The Escape, Access and Egress equipment on these Ships is integral to Ships capability and failure to provide continued support shall have a significant impact on the Royal Navy's capability.

As Design Authority, only Ansell Jones have the accumulated technical expertise and technical know-how at its disposal required to support this equipment. This includes the intimate knowledge and understanding of the technical data, overhaul manuals and manufacturing design codes used for the existing equipment across the various platforms which they are fitted and supported. No other supplier has been granted rights to the data and codes by Ansell Jones and neither has UK MOD sufficient rights to provide to any third party.

Only Ansell Jones can provide certification of the safety and interoperability of the repaired and maintained equipment and safety and security accreditation requirements where necessary to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority.

Furthermore, no other contractor other than Ansell Jones can reasonably provide the services and ancillary spares and supplies where relevant as to do otherwise would create disproportionate technical difficulties in the operation and maintenance of the existing equipment. This could result in unacceptable interoperability risk between all such existing and new equipment for the relevant platforms and would cause significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for the Authority.

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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**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Escape Access & Egress

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 April 2024

#### **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**

Ansell Jones Ltd

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BD17 7DW

Email

[sales.europe@t-s-c.com](mailto:sales.europe@t-s-c.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://www.anselljones.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,900,000

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#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

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