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5,000,000

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Defence Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO), Abbey

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

5,000,000

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 43135000 - Subsea equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

5,000,000

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) Delivery Team (DT) have initiated a project for delivery of a Pre-Used ROV System to fill an urgent requirement in support of deep-water operations. along with a spares and in service support package for a New Core SALMO ROV Operational Team.

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

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:

Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO), part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract (S&MOCB/9002/707300450) to Forum Engineering Technology (UK) Ltd ('FET') for the Provision of a Pre-owned Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), Spares and In Service Support. The contract has an estimated value of £5M and a duration of 2 years.

It is considered that the award 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(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulation (DSPCR) 2011 for technical reasons.

SALMO have determined that currently only FET can supply the ROV that fully meets all the Key User Requirements (KUR's) which are: Depth rating and ability to upgrade to threshold; Payload Capacity; Operating System and INS – ability to dynamically position; UK Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Support; good material condition with supporting evidence and the customers operational timescales.

The ROV was manufactured and supported by FET as OEM. After completion of a technical assessment, only FET holds all the available technical information (drawings, interfaces, test and calibration specifications/procedures, jigs and tools etc.), and has the technical expertise, knowledge and know-how necessary to assure the safety of the equipment. This information is not available to the Authority as it is owned by FET. The Authority does not have the necessary rights to this information and would be unable to provide a suitable level of details to any third party that would enable them to safely fulfil this in service support requirement without impact to the customers operational timescales.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

16 May 2023

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

Forum Energy Technologies

Ings Lane, Kirkbymoorside, York

York

YO62 6EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £5,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Pre-Owned ROV, In-service support and spares

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