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## **ADEWS/116 - CLS of the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) Systems - VTN**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-045975

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

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

Ministry of Defence

RAF Henlow

#### **Email**

[emma.tinkley100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:emma.tinkley100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **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**

ADEWS/116 - CLS of the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) Systems - VTN

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

- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure

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

Supplies

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

FI SDH - The role of the SDH Network at MPC, FI (hereafter referred to as FI SDH) is that of a data bearer sub-system which carries traffic generated by end-users in a seamless and reliable manner. Data messages from external sending terminals pass into the SDH Network at one of the network nodes and onwards through intermediate nodes until the data message arrives at the destination node and then passed to the external destination terminal.

GIB SDH - The role of the SDH Network at RAF Gibraltar (hereafter referred to as GIB SDH) is that of a high-capacity data bearer carrying voice and data communications between all nodes, which are located at three main sites

##### **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: £4,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

CLS of the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) Systems

### **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 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:**

The Air Defence and Electronic Warfare Systems (ADEWS) Defence Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to Award a contract to Thales UK Ltd to procure the Provision of Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) System at Mount Pleasant Complex (MPC), Falkland Islands and RAF Gibraltar.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication pursuant to Article 28(1) (e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(i) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011).

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The Contract Notice (CN) was issued 29/02/2024 and Thales UK Ltd were the only company to have registered any interest via the DSP. Therefore, this provides justification that this requirement could be procured on a single source basis rather than a competition.

**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**

ADEWS/116

**Title**

CLS of the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) Systems

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 May 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**

Thales UK Ltd

Crawley

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: £4,000,000

### **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**

Ministry of Defence

RAF Henlow

Country

United Kingdom