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Contract

## **Subsurface Communications and Navigation Network**

University of Plymouth

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/about-us/university-structure/service-areas/procurement>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/97185>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Subsurface Communications and Navigation Network

Reference number

EW/UoP/Subsurface/036/022

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

- 63724000 - Navigation services

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

Services

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

Located in the city of Plymouth and the waters in and around Plymouth Sound, the Smart Sound Connect Subsurface (SSCS) project will build on existing Smart Sound Plymouth infrastructure that underpins the National Centre for Coastal Autonomy, to further enhance the UK's position as a leader in the development and application of marine and maritime technologies, knowledge and skills. This procurement seeks to award a contract to partner with the University of Plymouth to install, operate and manage an underwater acoustic communications and navigation network that will link to existing surface assets to create the first truly multi-domain connected offshore environment in the UK.

#### **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: £750,000

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

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

- 63724000 - Navigation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

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

Located in the city of Plymouth and the waters in and around Plymouth Sound, the Smart Sound Connect Subsurface (SSCS) project will build on existing Smart Sound Plymouth infrastructure that underpins the National Centre for Coastal Autonomy, to further enhance the UK's position as a leader in the development and application of marine and maritime technologies, knowledge and skills. This procurement seeks to award a contract to partner with the University of Plymouth to install, operate and manage an underwater acoustic communications and navigation network that will link to existing surface assets to create the first truly multi-domain connected offshore environment in the UK. Successful fulfilment of this contract will create a unique proving ground for businesses and researchers to test, trial, prototype and commercialise new products and services; accelerating the adoption and deployment of advanced marine and maritime technologies across multiple sectors including: offshore energy, aquaculture, defence, and advanced engineering.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-035503](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

### Title

Subsurface Communications and Navigation Network

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

25 May 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Sonardyne International Limited

Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park

Yateley

GU46 6GD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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