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## **Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) Hardware Upgrade**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02c81c

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.contracts.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**

Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) Hardware Upgrade

Reference number

701575746

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

- 35422000 - Electronic and electrical spare parts for military vehicles

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

Supplies

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

Procurement of 26 sets of hardware upgrades for the Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS) in support of the mid-life update programme.

#### **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: £1,386,000

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

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

- 35422000 - Electronic and electrical spare parts for military vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Thales UK, 1 Linthouse Road, Govan, Glasgow G51 4BZ

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

The procurement of 26 sets of hardware upgrades, including bracketry and fixing consumables in support of the mid-life update programme for the Protector Remote Weapon System (RWS).

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is Very Low, (Reference – 397233948).

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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:

The Turret Systems (TS) team within the DE&S Vehicle Demonstration & Manufacture (VDM) Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a Contract at a value of approximately £1.4 million over 12 months, to Thales UK Limited for the procurement of essential hardware and development of new software for integration into the Protector family of Remote Weapon Stations (RWS) currently fitted to various wheeled platforms in order to remove certain safety risks and obsolescence issues that have emerged.

It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

This is because only Thales UK Limited has the necessary access to the OEM Design and the technical documentation relating to the RWS Systems and their associated Optics together with the Platform Integration data and associated safety approvals for the armoured vehicle that it is fitted to in order to be able to meet the requirement necessary to resolve the in-service safety risks and obsolescence issues of the system. No other economic operator would be able to fulfil these requirements without introducing a disproportionate level of risk to the integration, operational, supportability and safety aspects of the requirement, all of which would not be acceptable for the safe operation of the Protector RWS products used by UK armed forces.

#### **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**

701575746

### **Title**

Procurement of Protector RWS Hardware Upgrade Kits

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 November 2020

#### **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

1 Linthouse Road, Govan,

Glasgow

G51 4BZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

National registration number

00868273

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,386,000

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

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: 1,000,000 NOK

Proportion: 70 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Design and manufacture of the majority of the upgrade parts, plus technical assistance.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

DE&S Land Equipment, Vehicle Demonstration & Manufacture Team

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom