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## **Provision of Hand Held Sonar Systems**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02caf7

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

##### **Email**

[molly.savage103@mod.gov.uk](mailto:molly.savage103@mod.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

##### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://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**

Provision of Hand Held Sonar Systems

Reference number

700243332

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

- 38113000 - Sonars

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

Supplies

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

This notice supercedes previous VTN reference 2021/S 000-014474 dated 24/06/2021. HHS devices are systems designed to be held and operated by an individual diver. They should be able to provide navigational information and indicate the geospatial positions of underwater objects of interest, to facilitate the divers in more safely and efficiently carrying out their operations.

#### **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**

Supply of Handheld Sonars

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

Criterion: Single Source N/A

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year option to extend contract

### **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 Maritime Combat Systems Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”), intends to award a contract to Blueprint Design Engineering Limited for the provision of handheld sonar devices £4M value estimate and proposed contract term of 4 years. It is considered that this contract can be awarded to Blueprint Design Engineering Limited using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is because the handheld sonars to be acquired from Blueprint Design Engineering Limited use software which is proprietary to the Blueprint Design Engineering Limited and which is only interoperable with other systems provided by Blueprint Design Engineering Limited. The handheld sonars are required to interact with other systems provided by Blueprint Design Engineering Limited which have previously been acquired by the Authority. Accordingly, the contract can only be awarded to Blueprint Design Engineering Limited for technical reasons.

#### 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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 June 2021

#### **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**

Blueprint Design Engineering Ltd

Ulverston

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

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom