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Provision of five (5) sonars s2150 for Type 26 Batch 2 Frigates

Ministry of Defence - Defence Equipment and Support (Maritime Combat Systems - UEW)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence - Defence Equipment and Support (Maritime Combat Systems - UEW)

Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support>

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

Provision of five (5) sonars s2150 for Type 26 Batch 2 Frigates

Reference number

708049451

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38113000 - Sonars

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

DE&S (MCS - UEW), part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to conduct a non-competitive negotiation for the proposed award of a contract with Ultra Electronics Limited. The proposed contract is for the provision of five (5) sonars s2150 for the Type 26 (Batch 2) Frigates. The provision is to include support to installation, set to work, testing, trials and scope-related tasking. Optional storage.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £27,000,000 / Highest offer: £30,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Criterion: Single Source Evaluation 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to add storage.

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:

The Secretary of State for Defence, acting through the Maritime Combat Systems Underwater Electronic Warfare team of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MOD”), intends to enter into an eight (8) year contract (due to the expected service life of the s2150 Sonar system) with Ultra Electronics Limited (UK Reg.: 2830644, the original equipment manufacturer of the s2150 Sonar system) for the supply, support to installation, setting to work and trials of five (5) additional s2150 Sonars to be fitted on five (5) Type 26 Frigates. The contract value is estimated to be between £27million to £30million (excluding VAT).

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450).

It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(b)(i) of the DSPCR 2011 (as amended) because the five (5) s2150 Sonars are required in addition to the existing s2150 Sonars fitted onto other Type 26 Frigates and purchasing bow sonars from any other supplier would oblige the MOD to acquire sonars having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility between the additional sonars and the existing s2150 Sonars fitted onto other Type 26 Frigates and incompatibility with the customised shared computer infrastructure into which the sonars on all Type 26 Frigates are required to connect. Such other sonars would also be incompatible with the Type 26 Frigate hull modifications made specifically for the s2150 sonar and with the existing Type 26 Frigate sonar dome modifications made specifically for the s2150 sonar.

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

Contract No

708049451

Title

Provision of five (5) sonars s2150 for Type 26 Batch 2 Frigates

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 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

Ultra Electronics Limited

Unit C1 Knaves Beech Business Centre Davies Way, Loudwater, Wooburn Green

High Wycombe

HP10 9UT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02830644

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: £30,000,000

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

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