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Manufacture and Procurement of Material and Support Equipment for Submarine Maintenance Projects

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Manufacture and Procurement of Material and Support Equipment for Submarine Maintenance Projects

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35800000 - Individual and support equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Submarine Delivery Agency, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (the "Authority",) intends to amend its existing Future Maritime Support Programme Lot 3 Contract (contract reference FMSP/006) with Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited (the "Company") to include a new requirement for the management of the procurement of high risk, long lead, manufactured material and support equipment to be used for maintenance and repair to meet the Design Authority's Requirement (DAR) on the occasion of an Astute-Class (A-Class) Ship Submersible Nuclear (SSN) Deep Maintenance Project (DMP). The estimated value of the intended contract amendment is £100,000,000 (inc. of VAT.)

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: £125,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

Main site or place of performance

HMNB Devonport

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The intended contract amendment will be for:

i. UK Supply Chain procurement and management of the delivery of the complete list of:

a. manufactured material which includes but is not limited to specialist submarine components such as valves, pipes, gaskets and pumps; and

b. shore based, portable, specialised support equipment items which includes but is not limited to Jigs, gauges, special tools and hardware,.

for use to refit, repair, carry out maintenance and setting to work of Royal Navy vessels or their systems.

ii. Sub-contractor surveillance and performance management regarding the complete scope of the long lead manufactured items and support equipment supply and support to wider Submarine Enterprise supply chain performance management initiatives.

iii. Performance management to ensure the availability of long lead manufactured items and PSSE to the correct standard(s) and compliant for use on Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited's Nuclear Licence Site for HMNB Devonport.

iv. Receipt and storage and inventory management of long lead manufactured items and support equipment scope in line with the requirements for an A-Class DMP, including delivery to the Company's Nuclear Licensed site.

v. Security management associated with the complete scope of long lead manufactured items and support equipment in accordance with the Naval Platforms Security Grading Guide.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- 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:

Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract amendment without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because the Company is the only supplier with the following knowledge, experience, expertise, capability and attributes necessary to meet the Authority's requirements:

- i. The Company is the only one to have undertaken multiple A-Class Base Maintenance Periods (BMP) and Vanguard Class Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclear (SSBN) DMPs. As a result, the Company has acquired a detailed technical knowledge of those components that require extraordinary management.
- ii. The Company is the In-Service Support (ISS), BMP and DMP provider for A-Class maintenance, consequently they hold and have sole access to their detailed technical knowledge specific to each platform of the A-Class. This includes the precise technical specification of long lead manufactured items and support equipment required for the delivery of a A-Class DMP.
- iii. The Company is the only supplier within the UK's Submarine Enterprise with the knowledge and expertise of the UK Submarine industrial base and its Supply Chain able to effectively plan, deconflict and manage the Authority's ISS and DMP priorities and subsequently receive delivery into onsite storage, provide the tailored security and bespoke upkeep of the items until installation.
- iv. The Company owns the nuclear licensed site and facilities used in the delivery of A-Class DMP, that will benefit the storage and inventory management of the long lead

manufactured items and support equipment scope ensuring compliance with the Authority's security and maintenance policy requirements.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

13 June 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

Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited

Plymouth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Companies House

02077752

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: £125,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Submarine Delivery Agency

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