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## **SPMAP/0107**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Filton

BS34 8JH

#### **Email**

[tim.burden101@mod.gov.uk](mailto:tim.burden101@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK - South West (England)

#### **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**

SPMAP/0107

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

- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters

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

Supplies

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

Modification and update to address obsolescence issues on radio equipment currently fitted to N3 Dauphin platform

##### **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: £185,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

The Dauphin (N3) AH Mk1 platform is fitted with the Sepura SRG 3500.

Airwave will be wholly replaced by the Home Office led Emergency Services Network (ESN), with Airwave being decommissioned in Dec 2024

Special Projects Multi Air Platforms (SPMAP) DT are required to ensure the sustainment of the Airwave radio capability until 2024 when ESN will become active. The requirement is to replace the legacy Airwave radios with those procured through a separate project.

The Authority intends to contract Chelton, as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Control Head units, to conduct the software uplift required for the Control Heads, and complete the Airwave Reference Testing to deliver a fully certified system that can operate on the extant network.

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

The Control Head Unit utilised on the N3 platform provides the user interface for the Airwave radio. Currently this is the CH150-14 TETRA Single Head Controller, with Chelton as the Original Equipment Manufacturer. The software utilised to control the radios which is hosted on the CH150-14 Control Head is Chelton proprietary property for which Chelton solely own the Intellectual Property (IP) rights. The associated TETRA end software utilised to programme the control heads is also Chelton IP. The software installed in the current N3 Control Heads is not compatible with the SRG 3900 and requires updating in order to operate the replacement Airwave capability. Therefore, as Chelton own the IP for the software on the Control Head Units, they are the only organisation that can hold appropriate DAOS-approvals to conduct the necessary upgrade and subsequent TETRA Airwave certification of the newly configured radio system

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 (DSPCR) it is considered there is appropriate technical reasons for a Single Source Contract with Chelton for the Control Head software uplift and delivery of a certified system.

#### **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**

SPMAP/0107

### **Title**

SPMAP/0107

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 August 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**

Chelton Limited

Marlow

SL7 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £185,000

### **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**

Defence Equipment & Support, SPMAP Delivery Team

Filton

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Country

United Kingdom