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## **FOXHOUND TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATOR**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047cde

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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#### **Email**

[Kayleigh.Lewis116@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Lewis116@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.army.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**

FOXHOUND TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATOR

Reference number

712266451

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

- 35410000 - Armoured military vehicles

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

Supplies

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

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The TDPs will be used by the MoD to assess whether the current in-service FHD fleet could be modified to extend its use beyond the current Out of Service Date (2030). There is a Future Soldier FHD Land Fleet Requirement deficit and the TDPs will allow the MoD to understand whether new build FHDs could meet the extant FHD requirement. Furthermore, the TDPs will also be used to ascertain the suitability of the FHD as a vehicle that may be procured to replenish other military vehicles that were Gifted in Kind to Ukraine.

#### **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: £19,800,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South East England

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

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### **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

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:

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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). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate.

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 (as

amended) for Technical Reasons.

This is because General Dynamics UK Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Design Authority for the FHD platform, which has been in-service with the MoD since 2012 and supported by this supplier since then. As the OEM they are the only supplier with the necessary technical data and required skills and experience to build FHD TDPs.

#### **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**

712266451

#### **Title**

FOXHOUND TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATOR

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

12 July 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**

GENERAL DYNAMICS LAND SYSTEMS UK

Unit 1 & 3, Oakdale Court, Oakdale Business Park, Blackwood, South Wales, NP12 4AD

SOUTH WALES

NP12 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01911653

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: £19,800,000

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**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This

notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single

source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a subcontractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

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

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

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United Kingdom