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Award

In service Support for REMUS Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) Systems

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047e82

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region 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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

In service Support for REMUS Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) Systems

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71351924 - Underwater exploration services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The SALMO (Salvage and Marine Operations) Delivery Team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (The Authority) intends to award a three (3) year contract to HII Unmanned Systems Inc, for a new follow on support contract with an estimated value of £8,000,000 (Ex VAT). This contract shall provide in-service support to the REMUS 100 systems, and there will be an exercisable option to also support the REMUS 300 systems.

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: £8,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories
- 98363000 - Diving services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

There is a current contract between the Authority and HII Unmanned Systems Inc, for the continued support of Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUV) consisting of REMUS 100 and 600 systems, which has been in place since 2021. REMUS systems are military use versions of commercially available UUVs, which are remotely operated shallow water hydrographical seabed mapping systems, and were developed and manufactured by HII Unmanned Systems Inc.

HII Unmanned Systems Inc retain all IPR and technical knowledge for all REMUS systems, which is strictly enforced by the US Department of Defence meaning all repairs and maintenance of the systems needs to be done by HII as they are the only suitably qualified and experienced contractor that can safely maintain, re-calibrate and re-program existing systems to ensure it is safe to use.

This includes sole ownership and all rights in all technical and business information, test reports, ideas, designs, maintenance information and materials pertaining to the deliverables, trademarks, copyrights or processes, and other assembly, production, marketing or sales information.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded to HII Unmanned Systems Inc, 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 exclusive and technical reasons.

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

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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

HII UNMANNED SYSTEMS, INC

Massachusetts

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £8,000,000

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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