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Project A Experimentation Defender

Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory

Fareham

PO17 6AD

Email

hlander@dstl.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Project A Experimentation Defender

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Royal Navy Project A Experimentation team and the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) Mine Investigation and Exploitation by Remote Operated Vehicle (MIE ROV) project team, both part of the UK MOD, intend to award a contract to Atlantas Marine Ltd valued at approximately £1 million, for the provision of two Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs).

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: £1,032,000

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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It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulations 16(1)(a)(ii) and 16(1)(b)(i) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons and additional supply reasons respectively.

Atlantas Marine Ltd is the only authorised UK supplier of the Videoray Defender ROV which in turn is the only ROV on the market that meets both the Royal Navy Project A Experimentation team's and the DSTL MIE ROV project team's proportionate and non-discriminatory specifications. In addition to acquire ROVs which have different technical characteristics to the existing VideoRay Defender ROVs operated by the UK MOD would result in incompatibility between the UKMOD's existing ROVs and/or disproportionate technical difficulties in the operation or maintenance of the existing ROVs.

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 restricted procedure
- 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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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

15 September 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

Atlantas Marine Limited

Atlantas House, Armoury Rd, Luton Trading Estate

Yeovil

BA22 8RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £1,032,000

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

Dstl

Dstl Portsdown West, Portsdown Hill Road

Fareham

Country

United Kingdom