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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](mailto: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

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### **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

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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 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

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## **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, Lufton 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

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## **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