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## **Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UKJ - South East (England)

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Main address

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## **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

Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)

Reference number

704533450

#### 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, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 6-month contract with a value of £6.39million to Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) for the purchase of six 300m-capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs) to the Royal Navy. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because Royal Navy needs to be able to use equipment that is interchangeable with the US Navy for partnership operations and the equipment must be compatible with current systems already in operation. HII are the sole manufacturers of those equipment, and they are the only supplier with the capability to deliver this contract. No alternative or substitutes can be used as this equipment is already in operation by the US Navy.

#### 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: £6,390,000

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

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**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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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**

### **Contract No**

704533450

### **Title**

Purchase of 300m Capable Small Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (SAUVs)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

24 August 2022

#### **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**

Huntington Ingalls Industries

Unit 17 Murrills Estate

Portchester

PO16 9RD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

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: £6,390,000

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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.4) Procedures for review**

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

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