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Contract

703264452 Develop Concepts of Operation for Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-024404

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0336ba

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Email

Elizabeth.Meatyrd100@mod.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/web/login.html>

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

703264452 Develop Concepts of Operation for Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

Reference number

703264452

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A Contracts Finder Opportunity Notice has been published at:

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Requirement

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Three non-lethal mission sets (Anti-Submarine/Surface Warfare; Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance; and Seabed Warfare) will be used by the study to consider AUV operational employment over the next 30 years. In each of the three cases, the output comprises a CONOPS including the full range of operational employment of vehicle and systems and an outline of the likely operational constraints, particularly technical challenges.

The CONOPS will be presented in the form of a Joint Concept Note. This is this to be presented in hard copy as well as soft copies.

Specific Conditions of Tendering

The Tenderers' attention is drawn to the following:

a. Contract Award will be dependent upon the Winning Tenderer:

- The winning tenderer providing evidence of all workers handling information up to SECRET for the duration of the contract being in receipt of valid Security Check (SC) Security Clearance or obtaining SC Security Clearance by Service Commencement Date. The SC Security Clearance is to be valid for the duration of the proposed contract;
- holding at least provisional List X status by final Tender return and obtaining full List X status by Service Commencement Date, for any site at which it will hold SECRET classified information.

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: £272,370

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

703264452

Title

Develop Concepts of Operation for Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Thales UK Limited

Berkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £272,370

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £18,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom