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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](mailto: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

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### **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:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/af97a367-f53e-4c7e-add7-1316aa76f950>

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

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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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-012317](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

