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## **Batch 1 Offshore Patrol Vessels - Future Support**

Ministry of Defence - Defence Equipment and Support

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.des.mod.uk](http://www.des.mod.uk)

**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**

Batch 1 Offshore Patrol Vessels - Future Support

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50640000 - Repair and maintenance services of warships

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Support, repair and maintenance services for the Royal Navy's fleet of three Batch 1 Off-Shore Patrol Vessels. The support activities will include but are not limited to: planning for and execution of UK (and potentially non-UK) repair and maintenance; engineering support, planned preventative and corrective maintenance, operational defect rectification; obsolescence management; stores management; logistic support; risk management; and post design services; to pre-determined availability requirements.

**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: £68,740,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 50241000 - Repair and maintenance services of ships

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Repair and maintenance support to the Royal Navy's 3 Batch 1 Off-Shore Patrol Vessels (HMS Severn, HMS Tyne and HMS Mersey) until their prospective Out of Service Date of April 2028.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Criterion: Technical Proficiency 60

Criterion: Cost 40

### **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

- 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:

Naval Ships Support (NSS), part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence, intends to extend contract CSS/0022 with BAE Maritime Services Ltd (“BAE”) for the in-service support of the Royal Navy’s three Batch 1 Off-Shore Patrol Vessels (Batch 1 OPVs); HMS Severn, HMS Tyne and HMS Mersey. The contract extension will be for a period of four years and nine months from July 2023 to March 2028 when the Batch 1 OPVs reach their revised Out Of Service Date.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Limited originally built the Batch 1 OPVs in 2003, and the company has subsequently been acquired by BAE. The in-service support contract (Contract CSS/0022) was first placed in 2013 and has always been held by either Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Limited or BAE. As such, only BAE holds all of the technical information required to ensure safe and effective service support, which includes the “know how” built up during the build and subsequent service support of these vessels. A full set of information pertaining to on-board and shoreside spares provision and utilisation, historical support patterns, drawings, interfaces, test and calibration specifications/procedures cannot be made available as components of this either do not exist or are owned by BAE. Such information is necessary to undertake the full in-service

support to the vessels taking due account of their service life, thereby ensuring that risk to the vessels' ability to operate safely is as low as reasonably practicable in the delivery of their activities as part of the Royal Navy's wider Defence Tasking. NSS believes that without access to this information, the construction and implementation of a new service design for support would introduce an unacceptably high safety risk into the operations of the Batch 1 OPVs.

#### **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**

Note - contract has not been awarded

#### **Lot No**

Note - conclusion date is completed as a system necessity. Please ignore.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 October 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**

BAE Systems Maritime Services

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £68,740,000

#### **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**

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