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Naval Classification Services

Ministry of Defence, Naval Ships Support

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence, Naval Ships Support

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Naval Classification Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50241000 - Repair and maintenance services of ships

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This requirement is for an initial two-year contract for ongoing provision of Naval Classification Services to Royal Navy warships with three, individual Option years that may be activated, if deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authority.

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: £4,505,944

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of ongoing Classification Services covering survey and inspection in accordance with Lloyd's Register Naval Ship Rules.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Three One-year Options to extend if the Authority deems it appropriate.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to proceed to award a contract for the provision of Naval Classification Services to Lloyd’s Register EMEA (“Lloyd’s Register”). The contract is for an initial period of 2 years with a value of approximately 4 580 000 GBP. Three further Option Years are included in the contract, which may be exercised, if desired by the Authority. The value of each of these Option Years is approximately £2 400 000 - £2 500 000 GBP giving an overall estimated contract value of 11 980 000 GBP.

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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is on the basis that the Lloyd's Register Naval Ship Rules (LRNSR) for the Classification of Ships and Naval Ships are extensive, complex and safety-critical. Only Lloyd's Register, the parent Classification Society of the LRNSR rule set can conduct surveys, plan appraisals and provide certification against any naval platforms which are classified as being "in-class" in accordance with the LRNSR. In operating and maintaining platforms in line with LRNSR, it is not possible for another Classification Society to provide equivalent certification against an alternative set of Naval Ship rules. Changing the rule set in respect of which the naval platforms are currently classified would introduce an unacceptable level of safety risk to the naval platforms and personnel. Lloyd's Register is the only Classification society, for these naval platforms, that have delegated authority from the DE&S Naval Authority Group for issuing Naval Ship Stability Certification on their behalf.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

18 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

Lloyd's Register EMEA

Nailsea

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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: £4,505,944

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence, Naval Ships Support

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