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## **Smart Sound Connect Subsurface**

University of Plymouth

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036a84

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/about-us/university-structure/service-areas/procurement>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/97185>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=53123&B=UNIVERSITYPLYMOUTH](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=53123&B=UNIVERSITYPLYMOUTH)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Smart Sound Connect Subsurface

Reference number

EW/UoP/SmartSub/2022

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34930000 - Marine equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The University wish procure a deployable underwater acoustic network that will provide accurate positioning, robust communications and trustworthy data that is vital for businesses to have the confidence to innovate, invest and develop the new generation of advanced marine technologies and services. This project will ensure that the necessary communication platforms are in place to control/track/co-ordinate subsurface trials and build confidence in systems to drive commercialization of new products, processes and services.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

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

As recognized in the UK's Maritime Technology Roadmap, advanced marine technologies such as marine autonomous systems (MAS) have a role in environmental monitoring, data acquisition, integration with satellite applications, monitoring of renewable energy arrays, surveys, oil and gas exploration, pollution monitoring and fisheries conservation, surveillance, security and many more applications. The University will procure a deployable underwater acoustic network that will provide accurate positioning, robust communications and trustworthy data that is vital for businesses to have the confidence to innovate, invest and develop the new generation of advanced marine technologies and services. This project will ensure that the necessary communication platforms are in place to control/track/co-ordinate subsurface trials and build confidence in systems to drive commercialization of new products, processes and services. By linking to existing mobile and fixed surface communication assets, in configurations that are adaptable and re-deployable, this acoustic network will create a unique proving ground for systems (or systems of systems) to exploit all three domains – aerial/surface and subsurface. The Smart Sound Connect Subsurface project is funded by the 'Build Back Better Digital Investment Programme', delivered by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

23 September 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes