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## **712450451 - M3 Contract Extension**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049294

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region 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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

712450451 - M3 Contract Extension

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

- 75221000 - Military defence services

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

Services

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

In-Service Support to the M3 Amphibious Bridging System

#### **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: £4,240,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

In-Service Support to the M3 Amphibious Bridging System

## **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**

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Fires, Infrastructure and Manoeuvre Support (FIMS), part of UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), intends to extend Contract (OIP/0044) for the provision of in-service support for the M3 Amphibious Bridging System (a Wide Wet Gap Crossing Capability (WWGCC)). The contract extension will be placed with General Dynamics European Land Systems – Bridging Systems (GDELS - BS). The M3 in-service support includes provision of spares, Maintenance and Repair Organisation (MRO) repairs, Post Design Services (PDS) and other ad-hoc services.

The Contract Extension will extend the Contract to the 31 March 2027. An estimated total value of this extension will be £4.247M (excluding VAT).

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 extension 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 for technical reasons.

GDELS-BS is the manufacturer of the M3 system and is the only operator that has the required system-specific technical knowledge, information and tools to provide in-service support and ensure the safety of the system. GDELS-BS currently oversees the interoperability of the M3 system for both the German (DE) and British (GBR) Army M3 systems in a Joint Amphibious Engineer Battalion. It is essential that the same supplier maintains both systems to ensure interoperability of the two systems and safe operating procedures. Furthermore, the requirement to undertake Post Design Service activities, manufacture spares and to undertake repairs within the equipment's life is not possible for an alternative supplier to undertake.

For the above reasons, there is not another supplier in the market who can provide a technical support service to the M3 Amphibious bridge

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 August 2024

#### **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**

General Dynamic European Land Systems - Bridging Systems

Kaiserslautern

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DEB32 - Kaiserslautern, Kreisfreie Stadt

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £4,247,000 / Highest offer: £4,247,000 taken into consideration

#### **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**

MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom