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Award

**4500000**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[thomas.redmore100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:thomas.redmore100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support>

#### **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**

4500000

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

- 32570000 - Communications equipment

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

Supplies

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

Defence Equipment & Support, part of the UK Ministry of Defence on behalf of The Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority) intends to award a Contract to Thales UK Ltd (“the Contractor”) for the continuation of in-service support to KRS (KMY Replacement System aboard Type 23 Frigates and shore Establishments) until July 2024 with options to continue to December 2024 and for the technical update of the operating system and address other software obsolescence, and for support to the safety case for air operations. The value of the estimated contract amendment is £4.5 million (ex VAT) including bid costs. This notice supersedes the work on Wave Class advertised in date/ref.

#### **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: £4,500,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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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 (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 Authority has insufficient rights to pass the necessary data and information to undertake the requirement to third parties and that only the Contractor as Original Equipment Design Authority has the accumulated technical knowledge, expertise and know-how at its disposal required to provide the requirement in particular in relation to the full system design, build and integration. This includes the intimate knowledge and understanding of the existing equipment used across the fleet. Furthermore, only the Contractor can

#### **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**

700009662

### **Title**

KRS communications management system

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

29 August 2023

#### **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**

Thales UK Ltd

Reading

RG2 6GF

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: £4,500,000

### **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**

KRS communications management system

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

