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## **Project Trilobite - Underwater Positioning Trials**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0401bf

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ministry-of-defence-commercial-commercial-x>

#### **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**

Project Trilobite - Underwater Positioning Trials

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

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

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

Supplies

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

Procurement of an upgrade to existing Teledyne autonomous underwater vehicles for the purposes of R&D trials to support Royal Navy's concepts for future operational capabilities.

##### **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: £429,003

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

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

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Royal Navy needs to upgrade an existing Teledyne autonomous underwater vehicles for the purposes of R&D trials to support Royal Navy's concepts for future operational capabilities.

### **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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- The contract concerns research and development services other than those referred to in the regulations
- 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:

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication pursuant to Article 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011, as amended. The Authority requires the upgrade to upgrade an existing Teledyne autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) for trial purposes. This particular asset is required for the trial as it allows interoperability with existing systems on other sizes and classes of vessels. Teledyne is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the existing AUV and has unique technical know-how required for the upgrade. In these circumstances the Authority considers that competition is absent for technical reasons. The goods and services procured under this contract are solely for the purposes of R&D to support Royal Navy's concepts for future operational capabilities. The requirement does not include procurement at production quantity scale. Subject to contract, any future work to procure at scale shall be tendered through industry.

#### 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**

709160453

## **Title**

Project Trilobite - Underwater Positioning Trials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 September 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**

Teledyne Marine

Thousand Oaks

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £429,003

### **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**

Commercial X

MOD Corsham

Country

United Kingdom