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Project Trilobite - Underwater Positioning Trials

Ministry of Defence

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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

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Commercial X

MOD Corsham

Country

United Kingdom