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Contract

## **Fast Maritime Target Drone (FMTD) Support**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/>

**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**

Fast Maritime Target Drone (FMTD) Support

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 63726300 - Vessel storage services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to award a 3 year contract with a value of £945,750.00 to L3Harris Autonomous Surface Vehicles Limited for the provision of Fast Maritime Target Drone (FMTD) general maintenance, repair, support, and operation of the FMTDs during ships trials. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 (as required by the relevant legislation)

is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because L3 Harris Autonomous Surface Vehicles Limited own and have access to the required technology, information and systems that are necessary to operate, support, maintain and repair the 5 FMTDs owned by the MOD. In addition, only L3 Harris Autonomous Surface Vehicles Limited have the suitable skills, know-how and experience to control, maintain, and repair these FMTDs as they have developed and installed the technology that is currently used in operation. The MOD does not own, nor does it have a right to provide to third parties the technological information and documentation required to fulfil this requirement.

#### **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: £945,750

### **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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not own, nor does it have a right to provide to third parties the technological information and documentation required to fulfil this requirement.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year options including after initial contract expiry 31/03/24 taking to 31/03/26

### **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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-008849](#)

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Contract No**

707333450

#### **Title**

Fast Maritime Target Drone (FMTD) Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 September 2023

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

L3Harris Autonomous Surface Vehicles Ltd

Portchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £945,750

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom