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WECDIS

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

WECDIS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63724000 - Navigation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Installation of fleet software

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: £6,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- CA - Canada

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Software installation

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 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:

The Communications & Situational Awareness (CSA) Project Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), part of the UK Ministry of Defence, (“the Authority”) intends to award a contract (the Contract) to OSI Maritime Systems Ltd (“the Contractor”) for the combined support of WECDIS Type Approval Upgrade ROYAL NAVY WARSHIP ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (RN-WECDIS) AND WARSHIP AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (WAIS) OBSOLESCENCE RECOVERY. In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Defence and Security Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) 2019 Regulations (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 (as required by 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. The value of the requirement is approximately £10 million.

Navigation capability on RN ships is a critical component of a ship’s ability to operate and fight, hence any failure or degradation of these systems will place significant risk on the RN’s ability to fulfil the Authority’s required defence outcomes in accordance with the Authority’s Defence Strategy and RN Command Plan. Both WECDIS and WAIS capabilities also require significant upgrades fleet-wide to overcome obsolescence and

deliver regulatory compliance to new IMO standards being introduced by end-2028 whilst utilising the common software provided by the Contractor

Only the Contractor can achieve ECPINS software integration of any obsolescence solution as they own the IPR imbedded in the software within the WECDIS and WAIS equipment, own all supporting documentation/manuals needed to maintain it and possess the SQEP technical expertise to carry out all activities of the work required and bespoke SQEP with capacity to provide training where necessary. The Authority does not have the necessary rights in the IPR to provide to a third party

It is considered that only the Contractor can achieve delivery of this requirement within the timeframe available on all ships within scope, without considerable risk to the continued operation of the fleet. In addition, any approval for hardware to host OSI ECPINS software must be delivered with OSI support. As OEM for ECPINS software, OSI maintains the hardware Type Approved list. Any new hardware solution that isn't already on OSI's Type Approval list will incur at least 12 months additional integration, testing and certification activity before it can commence platform integration activity. Time is a huge consideration here as its imperative to re-gain IMO Safety of Life at Sea Accreditation. Any new hardware must be approved (IMO Compliant) and they sit in the ECPINS Type Approval register with OSI which they maintain.

Furthermore, utilisation of and training on a single fleet-wide WECDIS/WAIS hardware and software solution will remove incompatibility and interoperability risk in two possible solutions and will remove disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance going forward.

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

SANSC2/04038

Title

WECDIS

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 October 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

OSI Maritime Systems

Burnaby

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £5,900,000 / Highest offer: £6,000,000 taken into consideration

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

MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom