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## **Cyber Threat Defence Software and Appliance**

Sovini Ltd

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030338

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKD72 - Liverpool

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://sovini.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

[www.sovini.co.uk](http://www.sovini.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Cyber Threat Defence Software and Appliance

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79710000 - Security services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Software and Appliance cyber security system to provide protection to The Sovini Group (Sovini) and its members within the structure. Due to the increased risk of recent other like minded organisation being hacked, given the complex group structure and several members, this has resulted in Sovini reviewing the market offering quickly to install cyber threat security system to minimise risk and provide protection.

### **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: £567,408

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Main site or place of performance

Merseyside

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

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### **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:

Within the last several months, a number of similar organisations to Sovini have experienced cyber-attacks. Through research, it has been identified that a cyber breach can present an approx. £2.75m cost to an organisation, a 5% loss in customer retention and an average of over 200 days to detect and respond to. Sovini's current risk of a cyber-attack is now indicated as a high risk scoring 16 (likelihood 4 x impact 4). Thus, cyber threat security is an urgent function for Sovini to implement the right solution for protection and risk mitigation.

From reviewing the market, Darktrace has created a self-learning artificial intelligence system for cyber defence, its functionality provides a unique cyber security solution. The sole source supplier: Darktrace are able to provide support to Sovini during the Christmas period shut down to minimise the cyber risk, through its unique capabilities such as learning techniques to create bespoke protection, total coverage for the entire digital estate, AI-driven investigations and rapid, on-demand triage of high-fidelity incident identification and 24/7 SOC.

Darktrace has offered Sovini a competitive offer that provides economic value to Sovini by entering into the agreement with the sole source provider. Given the market research has identified no other competitors can provide this solution, a tender would potentially result in delays to getting a solution in place, increasing the risk to Sovini and less of an economic advantageous price being received.

#### **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**

### **Title**

Cyber Threat Defence

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 December 2021

#### **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**

Darktrace Holdings Limited

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National registration number

08562035

Internet address

<https://www.darktrace.com/en/>

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: £567,408

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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