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## **Provision of qualified ammunition, gun simulators and associated support for T31 Naval Guns**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0383a9

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Type 31 DT, MoD Abbey Wood

Bristol

BS348JH

#### **Email**

[simon.rooney102@mod.gov.uk](mailto:simon.rooney102@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.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**

Provision of qualified ammunition, gun simulators and associated support for T31 Naval Guns

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

- 35331200 - Shells

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

Supplies

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

Provision of qualified ammunition, gun simulators and associated support for T31 Naval Guns

#### **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: £65,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- SE - Sweden

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

Provision of qualified ammunition, gun simulators and associated support for T31 Naval Guns.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Purchase of additional quantities if required.

### **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

- 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:

Ship Acquisition, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”), proposes to place a contract for a duration of seven years with BAE Systems Bofors AB (“the Company”), for the supply of technical support, gun simulators to be commissioned into a Land Based Integration Facility (LBIF) for T31 Frigate and qualified 3P (programmable) ammunition for the 57mm Mk3 and 40mm Mk4 naval gun systems that will be supplied with the five Type 31 General Purpose Frigates.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular 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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons.

The Company is the supplier of the 3P ammunition that is currently being qualified by the ship builder and is the only economic operator with the necessary know-how, proprietary processes, and equipment-specific tooling and test equipment to ensure that the qualified T31 3P ammunition is safe to be utilised in the Type 31 naval gun systems at ship acceptance. The Company also owns the Intellectual Property Rights for the both the 57mm and 40mm 3P ammunition.

The testing and integration facility must be constructed and configured for the gun systems which are to be fitted to the T31. The Company is the supplier of these gun systems and is the only economic operator with the necessary know-how, proprietary processes, and equipment-specific tooling and test equipment to supply and ensure the T31 gun system simulators can be integrated onto the Type 31 frigate LBIF.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 November 2022

#### **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**

BAE Systems Bofors AB

Karlskoga

Country

Sweden

NUTS code

- SE - Sweden

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: £65,000,000

#### **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**

Defence Equipment and Support

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