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Ministry of Defence

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

#### **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**

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

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

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

Services

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

Notice of publication of transparency for Counter Terrorist Measure Trials.

##### **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: £750,000

#### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The MOD is at risk from terrorist and other adversarial organizations. Counter Terrorist Measures (CTM) are part of the way the department discharges its 'Duty of Care' to its employees under the Health & Safety at Work Act. The MOD has an enduring requirement to provide 'reasonable and practicable' (HSW definition) levels of protection to building occupants in the context of CTM.

Over the last two decades, the construction industry has continuously strived to reduce both build times and cost. This has primarily been driven by commercial considerations and has resulted in construction becoming progressively 'lighter' in terms of its strength and mass (weight) and this has negatively impacted on the MOD's ability to provide 'reasonable & practicable' levels of protection to building occupants in the context of CTM.

In support of this, DIO intends to conduct a series of blast trials related to explosive ordnance disposal (EOD). These blast activities will explore the impact of emerging trends in construction such as modern methods of construction, 'modular' construction, and Steel Framing Solutions (SFS) cladding systems. The blast trials will provide the DIO with an understanding the effects explosives and improvised explosive devices can have on buildings or their components when placed within them or in close proximity. These blast activities have the common characteristics of being sensitive in nature, potentially hazardous if not carefully planned and executed, in most cases unprecedented and large in scale, involve significant quantities of explosives and require a suite of specialized and sophisticated instrumentation to measure the effects. The output of the blast trials will be used by the DIO to update the CTM Policy to be aligned with modern methods of construction in terms of the use of 'modular' construction and SFS cladding systems.

#### **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

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## **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:

DIO, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”), intends to award a 2-year (plus 1 year extension) Call-Off Contract with a value of £900,000GBP incl. of VAT to DNV Services UK Limited for the provision of conducting a series of blast trials related to Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD).

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) technical reasons and Regulation 16(1)(c) research and development services grounds as set out in the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

This is because DNV Services UK Limited has the unique capability and presence in the UK in having a current track record of delivering work across the full combination of technical and hazard areas at one trial site, as necessary to deliver this requirement. Additionally, the purpose of the requirement is for research and development, which will provide the DIO with an understanding of the effects explosives and improvised explosive devices can have on buildings or their components

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

705838453

### **Title**

S&P Counter Terrorist Measure Trials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 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**

GL industrial Services UK LTD

Loughborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £750,000

### **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**

Ministry of Defence

London

Country

United Kingdom