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Contract

Defence Marine Services - Next Generation: Contract 2 - Inshore Support to Military Training, Testing and Evaluation

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.contracts.mod.uk

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

Defence Marine Services - Next Generation: Contract 2 - Inshore Support to Military Training, Testing and Evaluation

Reference number

703249454

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98360000 - Marine services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Inshore Support to Military Training, Testing and Evaluation

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: £65,581,496

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract will provide Inshore Support to Military Training, Testing and Evaluation Services in support of Authority sponsored trials, clearance diving training for the Royal Navy, general air diving training for the Royal Engineers, and range safety. BUTEC and Raasay ranges as well as specified 'off range' locations, off of the North West coast of Scotland and maritime ranges around the UK coast.

The duration of the contract will be 60 months.

The contract encompasses 3 critical elements – the provision of Marine Services to:

- The British Underwater Test & Evaluation Centre (BUTEC)

Covers the safe delivery of maritime services to QinetiQ in support of activities at the British Underwater Test & Evaluation Centre (Raasay Ranges) located in the north west of Scotland with vessels based in Kyle of Lochalsh. Service delivery covers: Torpedo recovery, sonobuoy trials, target launch and recovery including underwater autonomous vehicles, range safety and range maintenance, passenger transfer service, stores and garbage transfer, towed array recovery and transfer to/from submarines, host platform for sound velocity profiles and novel trials.

- Military Diving

Covers the safe delivery of maritime services to entitled customers in north west Scotland. Service delivery is the provision and operation of 2 dedicated vessels to enable the Authority to deliver safe deep-water dive training to service personnel utilising mixture gases.

- Range Safety, Sea Training and Aircrew Training

Covers the safe delivery of maritime services to entitled customers who require a suitable platform to deliver individual & unit level training around the UK. Service delivery covers: support to helicopter crew winching training, coastal sea survival training, target towing for fast jet weapon training and helicopter marine sniper training, range clearance and range safety service, provision of small craft simulating fast attack craft, consorts and target vessels for boarding training.

The specification for the services will include the following:

- Undertake passenger transportation.
- Transport stores & liquids.
- Support military training, exercises, trials and operations including military diving training & Range Safety & Aircrew Training (RSACT).
- Support to Emergencies.
- Provide maritime support to the Raasay ranges.
- Provide additional maritime support through a single service contract

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

703249454

Title

Inshore Support to Military Training. Testing and Evaluation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Serco Ltd

16 Bartley Wood Business Park Hook Hampshire RG27 9UY

Hook

RG27 9UY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

242246

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £65,581,496

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DE&S Commercial

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom