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## **MadFox**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

[stephen.ainsworth103@mod.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.ainsworth103@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.gov.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.gov.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**

MadFox

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

- 34513750 - Light vessels

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

Supplies

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

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 4 year contract with a value of approximately £370,000 to L3 HarrisLtd for the provision of support to the Royal Navy's MADFOX boat, in particular general onboard systems hardware and software upgrade and modification. In accordance with regulation 4 of Defence and Security Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 SI No. 2019/697, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 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 (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because the Contractor alone as design authority possesses the specific technological expertise and knowledge and access to relevant information including data in proprietary software to undertake the work and ensure system compatibility with existing MADFOX hardware [both aboard the MADFOX from a structure and stability, naval architecture and overall platform safety and integrity perspective and from a fleet-wide perspective] and can alone provide a safety case to meet the reasonable

requirements of the MOD. [Furthermore access to physical equipment to be used in undertaking the work is exclusive to L3 and will not be available to any other supplier]

#### **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: £371,676.12

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Price

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

4 years of support

**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:

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#### 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**

14 December 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**

L3 Harris Autonomous Surface Vehicles Ltd

Porchester

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: £371,676.12

#### **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**

MoD Porstsmouth

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom