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## **704386451-MSS/139 – Spares Inclusive Upkeep of Driers and Filtration Equipment Fitted to HM Ships and Subs**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Defence Equipment & Support, Abbey Wood

Bristol

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55400>

**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**

704386451-MSS/139 – Spares Inclusive Upkeep of Driers and Filtration Equipment Fitted to HM Ships and Subs

Reference number

704386451

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 39721321 - Compressed-air dryers

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

MSS/139 – Spares Inclusive Upkeep of Driers and Filtration Equipment Fitted to HM Ships and Subs.

Marine System Support (MSS) is responsible for delivering and maintaining the design intent of in-service equipment and systems through Design Management, Engineering

Support, and Inventory Management. MSS is a customer-centric organisation with three Systems Project Teams (SPTs) aligned to supporting the customer's on-board systems.

The intention is to place a Contract for a period of up to 7 (seven) years duration with L B Bentley Limited for Spares Inclusive Upkeep of LB Bentley Desiccant Dryers, LP Dryers, BA Filtration and Associated Equipment's Fitted to HM Ships, Submarines and land-based facilities. The total estimated value of the Contract is estimated to be £4m (four million Pounds Sterling) exclusive of VAT.

Please see attached link:

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55400>

#### **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: £4,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire

#### **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

Contract duration of 7 (seven) years includes 3 (three) individual option years.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis and is published for reasons of transparency.

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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:

The Marine Propulsion (MP) team within Marine Systems Support intends to place a Contract with LB Bentley for Spares Supply, Delivery, Repair, Post Design and Technical Services for Drier and Filtration systems. The estimated total value of the contract is £4M (ex VAT) over a 7-year contract duration.

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 UK Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 for technical and safety reasons.

The Air Dryers requiring support are installed on Royal Navy Ships & Submarines. LB Bentley is the Design Authority and manufacturer of the Air Dryers. The Contract can only be performed by LB Bentley because they hold the necessary SQEP and technical knowhow including technical data, technical overhaul manuals and manufacturing design codes required to perform this requirement. Without access to this information, this equipment cannot be maintained nor safely supported. In addition, the technical information held by LB Bentley is necessary for performing this requirement to the safety levels required by the mandatory Safety of Life at Sea and Pressure System Safety Regulation requirements. Failure to use LB Bentley would lead to significant technical and consequently safety issues.

#### **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**

704386451

### **Title**

Spares Inclusive Upkeep of Driers and Filtration Equipment Fitted to HM Ships and Subs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 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**

L B Bentley Limited

Kingfisher Business Park, London Rd, Stroud GL5 2BY

Stroud

GL5 2BY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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