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Award

Platform Data Management Systems 4 (PDM4) Obsolescence Recovery

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Platform Data Management Systems 4 (PDM4) Obsolescence Recovery

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32352100 - Parts of radio and radar equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

There is a requirement for the Maritime Command & Control, Targeting, Navigation, and Communications Team (C2TNC) within Sense, Decide and Communicate (SDC) to provide obsolescence recovery for the Platform Data Management System 4 (PDM 4) fitted to Vanguard Class Submarines. PDM In-Service Support is currently provided through contract CSA/3049. PDM4 has been in operation since the early 1990s with an expected in-service period until 2015. The original Out of Service Dates (OSD) has been extended by up to 100%, and no provision of additional stores was made when the OSDs were extended. As a result, work is now required to address the high-risk obsolescence issues, where there are low stores and items which require regular Survey and Repair. Failure to do this will adversely impact the operational capability of the CASD Vanguard Class Submarines. Currently the two main areas of concern are (1) Power Supply Units (PSUs) of which there are three variants and (2) PEC SIOs. Both items are critical to the safe operation of PDM4

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: £3,000,000

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: 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

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:

The C2TNC team recommends a new direct award PDM4 Obsolescence Recovery contract to be placed with Ultra Maritime (UM) justified under Section 41 and Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 which permits direct awards when the supplier's technical capabilities are essential to the project's success. The justification for this takes into consideration the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Technical and Safety aspects of the equipment, interfaces and interoperable systems contained within the vessels.

The intention is for the new contract to be negotiated with UM and notified to the market through the issue of a Transparency Notice (TN) to ensure compliance with the Act's requirements to maintain transparency in the direct award procurement process

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

Platform Data Management Systems 4 (PDM4) Obsolescence Recovery

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 December 2024

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

Ultra Maritime

Loudwater

HP10 9SD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom