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## **Artemis Pro Hand-Held Sonars**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0424e4

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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#### **Email**

[Kayleigh.Lewis116@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Lewis116@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.army.mod.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**

Artemis Pro Hand-Held Sonars

Reference number

710047450

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

- 37412240 - Diving instruments or accessories

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

Supplies

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

Army Commercial, acting on behalf of the UK Ministry of Defence (the Authority) intends to award a contract to Blueprint Design Engineering Ltd ("Blueprint Subsea") for a term of approx. 3 months and an estimated value of £656,400 (inc VAT). The Authority has identified a requirement to purchase the following equipment to support the Army Military Divers:

6 x Artemis Pro Hand-Held Sonars m750d

1 x SeaTrac X150 USBL Beacon

1 x Topside Control Unit

#### **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: £656,400

## **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

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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 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:

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). 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 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

#### 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

710047450

### Title

Artemis Pro Hand-Held Sonars

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

12 December 2023

### **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**

Blueprint Design Engineering Ltd ("Blueprint Subsea")

The Clock Tower Business Centre, Low Wood, Ulverston,

Cumbria

LA12 8LY

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £656,400

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### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) 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. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier named above.

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

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

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