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Award

Artemis Pro Hand-Held Sonars

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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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

Andover

Email

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

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

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

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

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

MOD COMMERCIAL

Andover

Country

United Kingdom