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## **In-Service Support of Fire-Set and Charge**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.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**

In-Service Support of Fire-Set and Charge

Reference number

710172450

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This Contract will provide in-service support including provision of spares, repairs, calibration services, technical documentation management, quality management and safety management to the Fire-Set and Charge Requirement until March 2029 (inclusive of Options).

**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: £950,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials
- 75221000 - Military defence services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This Contract will provide in-service support including provision of spares, repairs, calibration services, technical documentation management, quality management and safety management to the Fire-Set and Charge Requirement until March 2029 (inclusive of Options).

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

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There will be options to extend the Contract duration by a further 2 years to a total Contract duration of 5 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

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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 Specialist EOD&S, Exploitation and Countermeasures Project Team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (The Authority) intends to award a 3-year contract with 2 Option years to Teledyne Reynolds to provide In-Service Support to Fire Set & Charge with an estimated value of £950k (Ex VAT).

This system is a two part system built of a Fire Set and Charge and sits within the Disablement portfolio under Special Project and Future Search. It provides a multi-user capability for general Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) contingency operations and for Specialist Users. The System is only used by UK Armed Forces and is bespoke to the UK MOD.

The previous support contract is due to expire March 2024. A new support arrangement is required to ensure support is provided throughout the remaining service life of the equipment. The Authority is negotiating a new contract for in-service support, which includes provision of spares, repairs, calibration services, technical documentation management, quality management, safety management. The contract will enable support of the equipment through to 31 March 2029 inclusive of Option Years.

Only Teledyne Reynolds have the proven expertise, knowledge and experience to manufacture consumable spares, maintain and repair this equipment. Awarding the Contract to a third-party supplier would present the MOD with a capability gap as the equipment will need to be removed from service whilst safety and assurance trials are undertaken to ensure the equipment is safe to use and fit for purpose. It is estimated that it would take a minimum of 12 months to contract for a new supplier, develop equipment understanding, completion of trials, evidence and reporting and finally acceptance, or not, back into the hands of the users. This time impact would introduce a capability gap which

would have an unacceptable operational impact and introduce unacceptable risk in terms of delay.

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**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**

710172450

**Title**

In-Service Support of Fire-Set and Charge

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 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**

Teledyne Reynolds

Canal View Road, Newbury

Berkshire

RG14 5UR

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: £950,000

#### **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**

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