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## **713624450 One Way Effector (OWE)**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04c923

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

##### **Email**

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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**

713624450 One Way Effector (OWE)

Reference number

713624450

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

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles

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

Supplies

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

Purchase of One Way Effectors (OWE)

#### **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: £7,500,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Procurement of One Way Effectors (OWE) to go through the HMT Framework.

#### **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

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence, acting through DE&S (the “Authority”) intends to award Modini Limited a direct contract for the supply of One Way Effector (OWE) systems for Project ASGARD in support of Op CABRIT. The estimated value of this contract is £7.5m and the proposed term is 24 Months. This will be awarded as a call-off contract under the Human Machine Teaming (HMT) Framework, contract reference 702953450.

Project ASGARD will be a software-defined, network enabled reconnaissance and strike complex, consisting a suite of digital and data components that enable decision support. This software defined approach will provide an ‘any sensor to any effector’ decision

advantage capability. The procurement to which this notice relates will be for the one way effector systems only, with the other elements of ASGARD being subject to separate procurements.

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 award of the contract using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because the Authority has identified strict technical impracticality for a supplier other than the chosen supplier to achieve the Authority's technical requirements as it is necessary to use specific knowledge, tools or means which only MODINI Limited currently has at its disposal. More specifically this relates to the mandatory performance characteristics of the required solution, namely payload weight, scalability, range, max speed and terrain following capability. Due to the particular timescales for this requirement, it was also identified that only Modini could reach the Authority's strict and necessary deadlines for production and delivery of the hardware for Spring 25 & be deployed on Op Cabrit in Summer 25.

It should be noted that Project ASGARD is intended to meet a specific, near-term capability need and will not define technical solutions for UK MOD's longer term OWE based capability requirements.

#### **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**

713624450

### **Title**

One Way Effector (OWE)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 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**

Modini Limited

Pewsey

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: £7,500,000

### **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**

Future Capability Innovation (FCI), DE&S, UK MOD

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom