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## **713539451 - HMS CASSANDRA Wreck Survey**

Ministry of Defence

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

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

Defence Equipment & Support, Abbey Wood South, Ash 2A, NH3

Bristol

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#### **Contact**

Elizabeth Stephens

#### **For the attention of**

Elizabeth Stephens

#### **Email(s)**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

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**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

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**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 26: Other services

**Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Survey to be conducted at the site of the HMS CASSANDRA wreck - 36 kilometres west

of Vilsandi, Estonia.

## **NUTS code**

- EE - Estonia

### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has a worldwide inventory of around 5,700 post-1870 military shipping wrecks mainly dating from World War I and II. These wrecks are managed by the Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) team through the Wreck Management Programme (WMP), which monitors and assesses the environmental and safety concerns associated with post 1870 MOD wrecks.

In 1918 HMS CASSANDRA was part of a British force dispatched to the Baltic as part of the Allied intervention in the Russian Civil War. On 5 December 1918 while en-route to Tallinn, CASSANDRA struck a mine and sank one hour later. The wreck of HMS CASSANDRA lies 36 kms west of Vilsandi, Estonia at a water depth of 95 - 100 meters.

This contract is for the provision of services to conduct a wreck survey of HMS CASSANDRA. The survey shall determine the condition of the vessel and the likely amounts of pollutants/ammunition remaining onboard. The survey shall comprise a visual and multibeam echosounder (MBES) examination of the wreck with hull thickness measurements using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). This will see potential providers provide a turn key solution to the requirement, including provision of a vessel, work class ROV, SQEP personnel to conduct the survey and a written report of the findings. Contractors must have suitable environmental protection measures in place and must secure all necessary permissions from the Estonian government as part of the turnkey solution.

The contract duration will be five (5) months to enable mobilisation and survey report delivery.

Estimated value of overall procurement is £791,666.67 (ex VAT).

This notice is an opportunity to register an Expression of Interest (EOI) in the procurement. To be invited to the next stage of this procurement please send your EOI to [DESShipsComrcl-SALMO-Multiuser@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DESShipsComrcl-SALMO-Multiuser@mod.gov.uk) by 13/01/2025, 17:00hr. Failure to respond will exclude you from any possible future competition for this requirement.

Tentative dates to note (subject to change):

Invitation to Tender (ITT) - January 2025

Contract Award – April 2025

#### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 71324000 - Quantity surveying services

#### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 63726620 - ROV services
- 71354500 - Marine survey services

#### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

#### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

No option periods will be included.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£791,666.67

#### **II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: No

### **II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 5 (from the award of the contract)

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

The Authority reserves the right to request a Parent Company or Bank Guarantee.

#### **III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

As stated in the procurement documents.

#### **Electronic Trading**

Potential suppliers must note the mandatory requirement for electronic trading using the

Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool. All payments for Contractor Deliverables under the Contract shall only be made via CP&F. You can find details on CP&F at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-eprocurement-system>

#### **III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

If a group of economic operators submits a bid, the group must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Authority. The Authority shall require the group to form a legal entity before entering into the contract.

#### **III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

As stated in the Terms and Conditions of Contract and Contract Schedules. The Authority reserves the right to amend such Terms and Conditions of Contract and Contract Schedules prior to the issue of any invitation for tenders.

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by a Security Aspects Letter, the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of the Security Aspects Letter to reflect any changes in national law or government policy whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise.

### **III.2) Conditions for participation**

### **III.2.1) Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: To register an EOI please email [desshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk](mailto:desshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk)

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: To register an EOI please email [desshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk](mailto:desshipscomrcl-salmo-multiuser@mod.gov.uk)

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Restricted

### **IV.2) Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1) Award criteria**

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

#### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

#### **IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

#### **IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

13 January 2025 - 5:00pm

#### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) to register and receive further information on this procurement.