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Award

Geoacoustics Ltd Single Source Contract for Support to Pulsar S2094 Sidescan Sonar UK5 TN

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

maintenance and provision of S2094 Pulsar Sidescan Sonars (SSS) to Geoacoustics Ltd. to enable in-service support, calibration, maintenance, repair, training and replacement of sidescan sonars manufactured by Geoacoustics Ltd.

Contract 1. Geoacoustic Ltd Single Source Contract for Support to Pulsar S2094 Sidescan Sonar

Supplier

- Geoacoustics Ltd

Contract value

- £880,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2030
- 5 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

1+1 (A 3 year contract with the option to add 1 year and then another option to add a further year)

CPV classifications

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances
- 38292000 - Hydrographic instruments
- 71354400 - Hydrographic services
- 71353100 - Hydrographic surveying services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Defence Equipment & Support, Ships Support (Hydrographic and Patrol), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract for the maintenance and provision of S2094 Pulsar Sidescan Sonars (SSS) to Geoacoustics Ltd. to enable in-service support, calibration, maintenance, repair, training and replacement of sidescan sonars manufactured by Geoacoustics Ltd.

The contract will be for 3 years plus 2 options years and have an estimated value of £880,000.00

In accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 ("PA 2023"), it is considered that the direct award of the contract is lawful in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to PA 2023. This is due to an absence of competition for technical reasons as only Geoacoustics Ltd. can supply the goods, services or works required, and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

GeoAcoustics Ltd are the sole manufacturer of the equipment and are responsible for aftermarket support and maintenance globally. GeoAcoustics Ltd. have no approved or authorised service representatives and spare parts can only be sourced directly from GeoAcoustics Ltd. The towfish requires specialised tools and equipment to repair it; GeoAcoustics Ltd. are the only organisation that has this equipment and only GeoAcoustics Ltd. personnel are trained in the repair of this side scan sonar system. Any involvement by 3rd parties in maintenance or repair of the equipment would invalidate warranties.

Supplier

Geoacoustics Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJCW-5165-MZHJ

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Sidescan Sonar

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government