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Award

Kongsberg Discovery AS Single Source Contract for Hydrographic Sonar Support UK5 TN

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

maintenance and provision of hull mounted Multibeam and Single Beam Echo Sounders (MBES / SBES) to Kongsberg Discovery AS to enable in-service support, calibration, maintenance, repair, training and replacement of the systems mentioned above manufactured by Kongsberg Discovery AS.

Contract 1. Kongsberg Discovery AS Single SOurce Contract for Hydrographic Sonar

Supplier

- Kongsberg Discovery AS

Contract value

- £1,000,000 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 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

3 year contract with 1 option year.

CPV classifications

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances
- 38292000 - Hydrographic instruments
- 71353100 - Hydrographic surveying services
- 71354400 - Hydrographic 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 hull mounted Multibeam and Single Beam Echo Sounders (MBES / SBES) to Kongsberg Discovery AS to enable in-service support, calibration, maintenance, repair, training and replacement of the systems mentioned above manufactured by Kongsberg Discovery AS.

The contract will be for 3 plus 1 option years and have an estimated value of £1,000,000.00.

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 the PA 2023. This is due to an absence of competition for technical reasons as only Kongsberg can supply the goods, services or works required, and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Kongsberg Discovery AS develop, design and manufacture the range of hydrographic echosounders currently fitted to Royal Navy vessels, along with their associated firmware and software. These systems are sold directly from Kongsberg Discovery AS to the end user with spares and support also provided directly. There are no alternative manufacturers of aftermarket spares to support the systems and no other companies are authorised to maintain or support the systems. As original equipment manufacturer, Kongsberg Discovery AS has confirmed that any third party involvement in repair or maintenance would invalidate the original equipment warranty or support agreement.

Supplier

Kongsberg Discovery AS

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-4545-YZXJ

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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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