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Combined Procurement of WECDIS/WAIS and Obsolescence Recovery - UK5

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

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Description

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Contract 1

Supplier

- OSI Maritime Systems

Contract value

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- 2 years, 11 months, 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 51240000 - Installation services of navigating equipment

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

Transparency Notice for a Contract to provide support for the combined procurement of upgrade for ROYAL NAVY WARSHIP ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (RN-WECDIS) and WARSHIP AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (WAIS) OBSOLESCENCE RECOVERY.

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The length of the new contract will be 2 years. The approximate value of the contract is estimated to be £20m ex VAT.

In accordance with Section 41(1)(a) of the Procurement Act 2023 (the "Act"), the Authority intends to rely on the Single Supplier direct award justification, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Act, to award a public contract directly to the Contractor, a supplier that is not an excluded supplier. It is considered that a Direct Award is permissible under the Act on the basis that, due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only the Contractor can carry out the services and there are no alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Only the Company possesses the technical information to carry out the work required to achieve the ECPINS (Electronic Chart Precision Integrated Navigation System) software integration of any obsolescence solution within the WECDIS and WAIS equipment, as well as the maintenance of these systems, their technical support and the capability to provide training where required.

Accordingly, due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, the Contractor is considered as the only supplier that can provide the services and there are no reasonable alternatives to those services as required by the Authority.

The contract will not be awarded to an excluded or excludable supplier; a Contract Award Notice and Contract Details Notice will follow in accordance with Procurement Act 2023.

Supplier

OSI Maritime Systems

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government