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Award

UK5 - Lancaster Wheels Production (P3)

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

The Typhoon Delivery Team acting of behalf of the Battle for Britian Memorial Flight (BBMF) Project Team has a requirement to procure sufficient production of BBMF Lancaster Mainwheels to sustain Lancaster operations until OSD.

Contract 1. Lancaster Wheels Production (P3)

Supplier

- Retrotec Limited

Contract value

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 1 month, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

Costed Option Years included to be included to cover additional years of in service support.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50211000 - Repair and maintenance services of aircraft
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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

The Defence Equipment & Support, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (the “Authority”), intends to award a contract to Retrotec Limited for the production and in-service support of Lancaster Mainwheel Hub Assemblies, a critical component for the continued airworthiness of the Lancaster aircraft operated by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF). The contract is intended to run for a two-year period of ~ 02-2026 to 02-2028. The estimated contract value is £1m excluding VAT.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded under Section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023 because the direct award justification specified in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 applies.

The Authority submits that this justification applies because due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, and there being no alternatives, only Retrotec Limited are able to provide the services required. Retrotec Limited has the required technical expertise necessary to fulfil the Authority's requirement as they operate as the only approved Design Organisation (DO) for the Lancaster Mainwheel Hub Assembly component, which is a critical requirement from the MAA for any Company completing production activities for the Lancaster aircraft to ensure the components produced are safe and airworthy.

Supplier

Retrotec Limited

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Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

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

MOD Abbey Wood

Bristol

BS34 8JH

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Email: example.example@mod.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support>

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

Organisation type: Public authority - central government