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Contract

## **Technical Support for NATO Standardisation of Message Text Formats (MTF) & IRIS Management**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dc3d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

[peter.jones247@mod.gov.uk](mailto:peter.jones247@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Technical Support for NATO Standardisation of Message Text Formats (MTF) & IRIS Management

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72224100 - System implementation planning services

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

Technical Support for NATO Standardisation of Message Text Formats (MTF) & IRIS Management

##### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

##### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,055,642

#### **II.2) Description**

##### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Technical Support for NATO Standardisation of Message Text Formats (MTF) & IRIS Management

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

No other supplier other than Systematic Software Engineering Ltd has the relevant technical knowledge and networks of influence to undertake the requirement at a level sufficient to provide the capability with no interruption and at the level that continues to ensure the UK holds a primary role in leading NATO MTF development/delivery.

The absence of this domain would have a serious impact on reputation and MOD's ability to carry-out MTF changes required for interoperability between national tactical planning systems and NATO message handling systems. A new supplier would not hold the technical expertise needed to deliver the requirement without creating a significant capability gap.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

713300450

### Title

Technical Support for NATO Standardisation of Message Text Formats (MTF) & IRIS Management

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 February 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

SYSTEMATIC SOFTWARE ENGINEERING LIMITED

Farnborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ37 - North Hampshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,055,642

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Navy

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom