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Award

**£1,400,000,00**

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a5c1

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD47 - Chorley and West Lancashire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.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**

£1,400,000,00

Reference number

701551609

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35600000 - Military aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Delivery of the UK led Concept & Assessment Phase Option, for the Future Combat Air System Acquisition Programme (FCAS AP). UK industry led by BAE Systems will work in a collaborative enterprise approach with International Partners to undertake concept development, technology maturation, technical demonstration planning & critical programme enablers.

### **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: £1,400,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKD47 - Chorley and West Lancashire

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

For description see short description above. This covers the phased release of additional funding and is not a new requirement.

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

Criterion: Technical & Capacity 100

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency. If you are interested in becoming a sub-contractor for this requirement, you should apply directly to the supplier.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Combat aircraft are highly integrated, complex systems which provide a fundamental component of military capability in offensive, defensive and intelligence-gathering operations. Bringing a new design of combat aircraft into service can take up to 20 years and requires significant investment in the areas of research, development, manufacture and Test & Evaluation. The Future Combat Air System Acquisition Programme (FCAS AP) Concept and Assessment Phase is a continuation of the Research and development commenced by Team Tempest (MOD/BAE/Leonardo/MBDA/Rolls Royce) and will further the UK led Concept & Assessment Phase Option by working with International Partners to undertake concept development, technology maturation, technical demonstration planning & critical programme enablers ahead of outline business case 2 (OBC2) option down select.

It is essential within the UK led option that the supplier has significant footprint in the UK to offer a solution which is responsive and where ITAR/Export Controls can be minimised to offer the UK Freedom of action. BAE Systems uniquely possess the capability in the UK for design organisation and systems integration, to integrate engines, sensors and weapons within an efficient platform design minimising size and weight, and hence cost. Consequently BAE have been selected by the MOD to be the lead Contractor for the on behalf of UK industry in this next phase.

#### **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/concession**

### **Contract No**

701551609

### **Title**

Future Combat Air System Acquisition Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

4 June 2021

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

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

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

BAE Systems (Operations) Limited

Warton Aerodrome

Preston

PR4 1AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD47 - Chorley and West Lancashire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,400,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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