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Awarded contract

## **Launch Agreement**

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Salisbury

#### **Email**

[mveale@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:mveale@dstl.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

## **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**

Launch Agreement

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a supply contract with Lockheed Martin for the provision of a UK Launch integration service agreement for the 6U cubesat Space Mission which includes launch within the 22/23 financial year. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

Lockheed Martin are the only UK launch service provider that meet both the schedule and technical requirements. Specifically the technical solution needs to include the end to end service from launch to orbital insertion and the equipment and engineering solution

necessary to achieve this with a 6U Cubesat. In addition, the launch environment and interface for the satellite must be within and conform to the Cal poly 6U CubeSat Design Specification Revision 1.0 (CP-6UCDS-1.0) and GSFC-STD-7000A.

Lockheed Martin are also the only supplier who can provide the launch integration onto this specific launch service. Specifically they are the only launch integration supplier that have access to the Launch ICD. This contains parameters such as mechanical, electrical, testing, interface and safety requirements . Therefore no other supplier could provide launch integration without this document.

### **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: £150,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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## **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**

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

Explanation:

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#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 March 2022

#### **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**

Lockheed Martin Space

Whiteley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £150,000

#### **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**

Defence Science & Technology Laboratory

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom