

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/008407-2021>

Award

**195319.05**

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-008407

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a848

Published 20 April 2021, 10:55pm

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Salisbury

#### **Contact**

Gina Jones

#### **Email**

[GRJONES2@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:GRJONES2@dstl.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1980954143

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.dstl.gov.uk](http://www.dstl.gov.uk)

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

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

Defence

---

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

195319.05

Reference number

1000162825

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

- 79980000 - Subscription services

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

Services

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

WEB OF SCIENCE, INSPEC - WEB OF SCIENCE PERPETUAL LICENSE SUB, CHINESE

SCIENCE CITATION DATABASE, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS and DERWENT INNOVATIONS INDEX.

### **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: 195,319.05 USD

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79980000 - Subscription services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

WEB OF SCIENCE, INSPEC - WEB OF SCIENCE PERPETUAL LICENSE SUB, CHINESE SCIENCE CITATION DATABASE, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS and DERWENT INNOVATIONS INDEX.

### **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

---

## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- 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:

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) CBRISS Commercial Team, which is part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (UK MOD), is intending to place a Contract with Clarivate Analytics (UK) Ltd for the subscription renewal of the Web of Science digital platform which provides a single destination to access reliable, integrated, multidisciplinary scientific research. This renewed subscription will be for 1 year.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in accordance with Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for Technical Reasons. This is because competition is absent, as only Clarivate Analytics UK Ltd provide a digital platform that meets the UK MOD's requirements.

The UK MOD requires a digital platform that provides reliable, high quality, integrated, multidisciplinary research with curated content delivered alongside information on emerging trends, subject specific content and analysis tools, enabling users to pinpoint the most relevant research to inform our work.

In addition, the UK MOD requires access to research information which only Clarivate Analytics can provide in a consolidated format, including unique research information such as:

- Chinese Science Citation Database
- Russian Science Citation Database

- Derwent Innovations Index

All of these requirements are provided through the subscription to the Web of Science digital platform and there isn't a reasonable alternative platform provided by another supplier available in the market.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

---

### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Contract No**

1000162825

#### **Title**

Renewal of Web of Science

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 April 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**

Clarivate Analytics (UK) Ltd

Friars House, 160 Blackfriars Road

London

SE1 8EZ

Email

[stephen.smith@clarivate.com](mailto:stephen.smith@clarivate.com)

Telephone

+44 7990777335

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/support/](http://www.ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/support/)

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: 195,319.05 USD

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Ministry of Defence, Dstl (Defence Science & Technology Laboratory)

Porton Down

Salisbury

SP4 OJQ

Email

[grjones2@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:grjones2@dstl.gov.uk)

Telephone

+44 1980954143

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.dstl.gov.uk](http://www.dstl.gov.uk)

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Ministry of Defence, Dstl (Defence Science & Technology Laboratory)

Porton Down

Salisbury

SP4 OJQ

Email

[grjones2@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:grjones2@dstl.gov.uk)

Telephone

+44 1980954143

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.dstl.gov.uk](http://www.dstl.gov.uk)