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Mk41 Integration Study

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

715759455

Description

A report detailing viability for Integration of Mk41 vertical launching system and Aster 30 Missile

Contract 1

Supplier

- MBDA UK LIMITED

Contract value

- £1,666,666.67 excluding VAT
- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 12 March 2027
- 1 year, 25 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73410000 - Military research and technology

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

The following risks could occur which could affect contract delivery or performance:

Changes in laws or regulations resulting in a need to amend the Contract timescales, costs, deliverables or scope.

Unexpected delays to delivery timescales due to either Authority, Contractor or third party actions resulting in a need to amend the Contract timescales, costs, deliverables or scope.

Unexpected changes to costs due to either Authority, Contractor or third party actions resulting in a need to amend the Contract timescales, costs, deliverables or scope.

Unexpected changes to volume of deliverables due to either Authority, Contractor or third party actions resulting in a need to amend the Contract timescales, costs, deliverables or scope.

Unexpected changes to scope of deliverables due to either Authority, Contractor or third party actions resulting in a need to amend the Contract timescales, costs, deliverables or scope.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Ministry of Defence intends to award a contract to MBDA UK Limited for the commissioning of a report to test the compatibility of Aster missiles with the MK41 missiles launcher system. The contract will be for a duration of 1-year, with an estimated value of £2,000,000. 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 (single supplier - technical reasons) of Schedule 5 applies. MBDA UK Limited is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the Aster missile and possesses the technical knowledge to assess the feasibility of integrating new launcher technology with existing systems. MBDA also has contractual rights to use the technical data of Lockheed Martin who is the OEM for the MK41 launcher system. The findings will inform strategic decisions on future capability development and operational flexibility to reduce the need for separate launcher solutions for different missile types. There are no reasonable alternatives.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

