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## **701553584 - The Provision of Welfare Wi-Fi Services at Al Udeid Airbase**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a9e2

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Northwood Headquarters

HA6 3HP

#### **Email**

[beverley.finch679@mod.gov.uk](mailto:beverley.finch679@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.mod.gov.uk](http://www.mod.gov.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**

701553584 - The Provision of Welfare Wi-Fi Services at Al Udeid Airbase

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

- 72400000 - Internet services

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

Services

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

The Ministry of Defence seeks to place a contract for welfare internet Wi-Fi Services for the UK Armed Forces at Al Udeid Airbase.

##### **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: £285,672.30

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

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

NUTS codes

- QA - Qatar

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

The Ministry of Defence seeks to place a contract for welfare internet Wi-Fi Services for the UK Armed Forces at Al Udeid Airbase.

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

One (1) year + One (1) Option year + One (1) Option Year

#### **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 without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The Authority intends to award a one year contract with option years (1 year + 1 Option year + 1 Option Year) to Babylon Telecommunications Inc to provide welfare internet Wi-Fi Services to the UK Armed Forces. It is considered that the contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for technical reasons. This is on the basis that only, as the Babylon Telecommunications Inc (a) have the required access to the infrastructure needed to carry out these services.

#### **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**

22 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**

Babylon Telecommunications Inc

148 W State Street, Suite 105,

Kennett Square

PA 19348

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £285,672.30

#### **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**

PJHQ Commercial

Northwood Headquarters

HA6 3HP

Country

United Kingdom