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## **The Supply of the Falcon Training Service (WANT)**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Air Commercial, Nimrod Building, No 3 Site, RAF High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

High Wycombe

HP14 4UE

#### **Email**

[alexander.tebbitt885@mod.gov.uk](mailto:alexander.tebbitt885@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.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**

The Supply of the Falcon Training Service (WANT)

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

- 80660000 - Training and simulation in military electronic systems

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

Services

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

The Supply of the Falcon Training Service (Wide Area Network Training - WANT)

#### **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: £4,950,000

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

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

- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80531200 - Technical training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

Main site or place of performance

HQ Defence School of CIS

Blandford Camp

Blandford Forum

Dorset

DT11 8RH

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

WANT is essential in providing and maintaining both the Royal SIGNALS (Army) and RAF with trained personnel to deploy the Falcon communications network. The Falcon network provides backbone communications across Defence on operations.

WANT requires Contractor (White Fleet) provided support to deliver the required trained capability for both Air and Land Forces. The Military (Green Fleet) alone cannot support the throughput of students in the time required. Green Fleet equipment is limited in its availability and in the number of students that can be trained simultaneously, unlike the White Fleet Training Equipment that replicates the Green Fleet equipment system elements through emulation on a classroom networked personal computer. The current training solution also provides a separate capability in a classroom to support Crypto training.

The Falcon syllabus and courseware for WANT is owned by the MoD.

#### **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
- 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:

It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons. This is because only BAE has the necessary equipment and technical expertise, knowledge and skill in the complex Falcon SST system to support and upgrade the system immediately from contract award to the standard required by the Authority.

Any delay to, and/or reduction in, service standard represents a significant risk for delivery. FALCON as a capability is currently deployed on numerous operations and failure to deliver sufficient trained personnel would have significant impact to UK MOD's ability to meet its operational outputs, would have a detrimental effect on the maintenance of the capability and UK MOD's relationship with its allies.

#### 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

710917450

## **Title**

The Supply of the Falcon Training Service (WANT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 March 2024

### **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 Digital Intelligence

Surrey Technology Centre

Guildford

GU2 7RQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ25 - West Surrey

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: £4,950,000

### **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**

Air Commercial

High Wycombe

HP14 4UE

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United Kingdom