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Award

715763452-RFA SCPM Future Training Requirement-UK5

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

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Contract 1

Supplier

- SIR JOSEPH ISHERWOOD LTD

Contract value

- £366,210 excluding VAT
- £439,452 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons

- Defence and security - necessary to enhance or maintain operational capability, effectiveness, readiness for action, safety or security of the armed forces

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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 of Schedule 5 (single supplier – technical reasons) applies.

This is because Sir Joseph Isherwood Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the installed equipment. Only the OEM has the technical knowledge and understanding required to deliver the training in the use of the installed equipment. There is an absence of competition for technical reasons, as only this supplier can supply the services required. There are no reasonable alternatives.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government