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## **ASCE Support - VTN**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

##### **Email**

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##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://des.mod.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**

ASCE Support - VTN

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

- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services

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

Services

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

Procurement for Assurance & Safety Case Environment (ASCE) licence support and training for the Air Environment (AE) Users

#### **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: £150,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Provision of Adelard Assurance & Safety Case Environment (ASCE)

licence support and training for the Air Environment (AE) Users. Delivery and management of the Air Systems Type Airworthiness Safety Assessments, which underpins the Duty Holders Air System Safety Cases.

**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 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:

(a) NCC Group are the only supplier able to provide software that meets all the MoD's requirements, including its technical and airworthiness safety requirements. The ASCE application is registered on the Defence Application Register as an MOD approved application. To transfer to 3rd party software, software support and

training would create significant and unacceptable risk to Air Safety across multiple Aircraft Platforms resulting in a loss of airworthiness and a substantial and unacceptable reduction in the operability of all the affected aircraft platforms.

(b) only NCC Group, as the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the Software, associated software support and training, have the necessary skills, experience and knowledge to provide the required technical support and user training and

(c) only NCC Group have access to the necessary technical data, as they own the background IP to the software's generic modules and source code required to provide the technical support.

#### 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

713352453

## **Title**

ASCE Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 March 2025

#### **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**

NCC Group Security Services Ltd

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £146,550

Lowest offer: £146,550 / Highest offer: £146,550 taken into consideration

#### **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**

Defence Equipment & Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom