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Award

ACTS Early Works and Risk Reduction TN (UK5)

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

The Collective Training Transformation Programme will deliver the Army Collective Training Service (ACTS). ACTS is the overarching requirement for the delivery of the UK military's collective training by a Strategic Training Partner (STP). The overarching requirement is the delivery of the UK military's collective training which aims to develop the ability of small teams to entire units and formations to function as a cohesive entity. Around 60,000 soldiers are involved in collective training every year. The objective of the Army Collective Training Service (ACTS) is to transform this training to match ever more complex future threats, through digitalisation, simulation, a different relationship with industry, and by changing how and where the military trains.

The programme will deliver a modernised, integrated, expeditionary and digitalised Collective Training System, with the flexibility to allow the Army to train globally when and where it needs. It will prepare Land Force Elements to meet their Defence outputs and allow the Army to train, in challenging, realistic, multi domain and world leading environments –including instrumented urban.

The Early Works and Risk Reduction (EWRR) Contract is intended to act as a bridge between for the transition from the current Collective Training system to the ACTS and will mitigate the risks to transition and delivery.

The Programme Team have identified critical derisking activities such as continuing to mature the Secure by Design products and processes, detailed GFX audits, the plan for transition for legacy equipment, and updating training demand/delivery plans to reflect training year 26/27.

In addition the EWRR Contract is required to support STEADFAST DEFENDER 27 through direct support to a NATO Exercise, named ARRCADE STORM 26, the validating precursor activity for the Headquarters UK 1st Division. ARRCADE STORM 26 will be used to validate HQ 1(UK) Div and train HQ ARRC ahead of NATO validation in 2027, develop UK Sovereign capability and demonstrate UK commitment to the Strategic Reserve Corps. It will provide an opportunity for multi-national elements to also participate.

The Contract is required for a five month period February 2026 to July 2026, in line with the anticipated FBC approval dates and anticipated Contract Award dates for ACTS.

Contract 1. ACTS Early Works and Risk Reduction

Supplier

- Raytheon Systems limited

Contract value

- £4,910,000 excluding VAT
- £5,892,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 February 2026 to 1 July 2026
- 4 months, 7 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional packages of work above the core elements of the contract will be taken up at the discretion of the Authority

CPV classifications

- 72262000 - Software development services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

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

The Direct Award justification for the EWRR is based on Paragraph 20 of Schedule 5 (Direct Award) of the Procurement Act 2023. Paragraph 20 states that the Authority may place a Direct Award if: (a) the contract is a defence authority contract, (b) the contract is not a defence and security contract only by virtue of section 7(1)(g) (or, in the case of a framework, section 7(1)(g) and (2)), and (c) it is necessary for the contract to be awarded directly in order to enhance or maintain the operational capability, effectiveness, readiness for action, safety or security of the armed forces.

Land Forces are now at the forefront of the SDR's direction to warfight at scale with NATO. NATO's highest near-term priority is the delivery of a fully enabled Strategic Reserve Corps.

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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

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