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Contract

## **IRM19/7214 - The Repair of Optronic Assemblies / Line Replacement Units (LRUs), Swarmlite and Protector Remote Weapon Systems (RWS)**

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

B15, MoD Donnington

Telford

TF2 8JT

#### **For the attention of**

I&RM Procurement Repair Team

#### **Email(s)**

[irmprocurementrepairteam@babcockinternational.com](mailto:irmprocurementrepairteam@babcockinternational.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

## **I.3) Main activity**

Defence

## **I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract**

IRM19/7214 - The Repair of Optronic Assemblies / Line Replacement Units (LRUs), Swarmlite and Protector Remote Weapon Systems (RWS)

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

#### **NUTS code**

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

#### **II.1.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

This notice announces a Contract Award for the purposes of transparency only and is not a request for expressions of interest.

Babcock Land Defence Limited, acting as agent to the UK Ministry of Defence, has awarded a 5 year Framework Agreement to Thales UK Limited for the repair and maintenance of Thales Optronic Assemblies / Line Replacement Units (LRUs), Swarmlite and Protector Remote Weapon Systems (RWS). There will also be the

provision for two one year options should this be required and subject to satisfactory supplier performance.

### **II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 50630000 - Repair and maintenance services of military vehicles

### **II.2) Total final value of contract(s)**

#### **II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)**

Value: £15,000,000

Excluding VAT

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **Type of procedure**

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure, without prior publication pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation

16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for the following technical reasons:

1) Thales UK Ltd are the Design Organisation (DO) for the LRUs and have extensive and in depth knowledge of these items with access to original underlying technical drawings/information and technical specifications, data and knowledge which are required to provide the repair and maintenance services required by the contract;

2) Without access to such design drawings/information and technical specifications, data and knowledge, the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence is not in a position to be able to identify the exact technical requirements (including the original equipment manufacturer standards) which are required to ensure the proper operation,

safety and suitability of the requirement; and

3) As a result, Thales UK Ltd are currently the only company with the technical expertise and know-how to undertake the services covered by the scope of this contract. This notice is not a request for expressions of interest so please do not apply to be invited to tender. This notice advises that the Authority has decided to negotiate a contract with the named supplier on a single

source basis, and is published for reasons of transparency.

## **IV.2) Award criteria**

### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

## **IV.3) Administrative information**

### **IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

IRM19/7124

### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

#### **Voluntary ex ante transparency notice**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-033285](#) of 23 November 2022

#### **Other previous publications**

Notice number: [2019/S 135-334059](#) of 12 July 2019

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## **Section V: Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

IRM19/7214

### **V.1) Date of contract award decision**

30 March 2023

### **V.2) Information about offers**

#### **Number of offers received**

1

#### **Number of offers received by electronic means**

1

### **V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

Thales UK Limited

1 Linthouse Road

Glasgow

G51 4BZ

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **V.4) Information on value of contract**

#### **Total final value of the contract**

Value: £15,000,000

Excluding VAT

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

### **VI.3) Procedures for appeal**

#### **VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Babcock Land Defence Limited

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