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UK5 - Transparency Notice 714320451 Tracked Width Mine Plough GiK Replenishment

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714320451 Tracked Width Mine Plough GiK Replenishment

Description

Army Commercial, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to procure 26 Track Width Mine Ploughs (“TWMP”) and 24 Main Battle Tank (“MBT”) Installation Kits. The contract will have an estimated value of £10,500,000.00 (ten million and five hundred thousand pounds) including VAT and be placed as a Supply contract.

This procurement relates to replenishment of equipment that was Gifted in Kind (GiK) to Ukraine (UKR). This GiK activity has generated a capability gap in mobility support with minefield breaching equipment. There is no current equipment programme to replenish stocks of TWMP. The conflict in UKR has reinforced the requirement for organic mobility at the tactical level within Armoured Units and it is critical that this capability is replenished.

Currently, TWMPs are primarily employed on the TITAN Close Support Bridging (CSB)

vehicle; a limited fleet of prestige/high value manoeuvre support armoured engineering vehicles. TITAN is not part of the future modernised Armoured Brigade Combat Teams (ABCT). The TWMP capability will be required to endure to 2040 and beyond and the only platform in the Future Modernised ABCT currently compatible with the in-service TWMP is the Challenger (CR) Main Battle Tank (MBT).

The ability to fit TWMP to CR MBT generates a capability that increases the lethality and survivability of not just the platform, but the wider ABCT. The proposed contract to Pearson will provide an ability for MBTs to intimately support deliberate minefield breaching operations and, more importantly, a means of self-extraction from high threat areas, at speed, rather than waiting for sparse specialist assets .

Contract 1. 714320451 Tracked Width Mine Plough GiK Replenishment

Supplier

- [Pearson Engineering Limited](#)

Contract value

- £8,400,000 excluding VAT
- £10,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 April 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 11 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34113200 - All-terrain vehicles

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Army Commercial, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MoD"), intends to award a contract to Pearson Engineering Limited ("Pearson"), for 26 Track Width Mine Ploughs ("TWMP") and 24 Main Battle Tank ("MBT") Installation Kits.

The contract will have a duration of approximately 18 months, dependent upon production timelines. The contract will have an estimated value of £10,500,000.00 (ten million and five hundred thousand pounds) and be placed as a Supply contract.

As a covered procurement, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 (the "PA23"). It is considered that the direct award of the contract is lawful in accordance with section 41(1) and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 5 of the PA 2023.

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In accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 5 of the PA23, MoD proposes to directly award this contract to Pearson. It is considered that direct award is lawful in

accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 PA23 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 PA23, as a change in supplier would result in MoD receiving goods, services or works that are incompatible with existing goods, services or works and the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

Pearson are the only supplier with the specific know-how to produce the bespoke TWMP and MBT installation kits. MoD has also identified strict technical reasons that derive from specific interoperability and safety requirements; noting TWMP and installation kits must be compatible with the existing vehicle fleet, and extant safety case.

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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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