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Contract

## **RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme**

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045615

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL

LONDON

SW1A2HB

#### **Contact**

Selina Groves

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.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**

RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme

Reference number

711236452

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The RAF Youth STEM programme is the largest of its kind across UK Government and seeks to maximise reach nationally. In order to promote the RAF and our role in support

of STEM nationally, we have to identify engagement routes that do not require direct RAF interaction, but support the same aims and objectives. The Arkwright Scholars programme, delivered by the Smallpeice Trust, is a nationally recognised programme that provides financial support to sixth form students who wish to study engineering at university.

#### **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: £625,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This was due to the need to engage directly with the supplier of the scholarships to achieve best value for money for the taxpayer - any other route to market would involve additional layers of bureaucracy, stakeholders and spend. No alternative equivalent sponsorship programme has been identified. After a search of potential frameworks around sponsorships found no suitable alternative it was concluded that the most appropriate route to market for this requirement was to negotiate with the Supplier direct.

#### 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

### Contract No

711236452

### Title

RAF Funding of The Arkwright Scholarship Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

30 March 2024

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Smallpeice Trust

74 Upper Holly Walk

Leamington Spa

CV32 4JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

Companies House

00882371

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £531,914.89

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Air Commercial

High Wycombe

Country

United Kingdom