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## **Voluntary Transparency Notice (VTN) for Spirent Simulator Support**

Ministry of Defence

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045740

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Email**

[mollie.crossfield100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:mollie.crossfield100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/go/17909515018F3E5DA6AF>

#### **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**

Voluntary Transparency Notice (VTN) for Spirent Simulator Support

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

- 71356300 - Technical support services

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

Services

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

Under the requirements of the Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT) Project Office (PO), the testing of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) to support MoD programmes from research through to in-service performance assessment and system/equipment troubleshooting, is conducted using an existing suite of Spirent Simulators. UK PNT PO has two Spirent GNSS simulator systems, each providing a variety of testing capabilities/scenarios; a 9000-series and a 7000-series. Both simulators have been supported by Spirent under a maintenance & support contract (Contract Number: 700421366) which expired on 31st March 2024. The Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Space Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a follow-on four-year contract to Spirent Communications Plc ("Spirent") for the support & maintenance of Spirent Simulators (including the support of the SimINERTIAL software that is required for these simulators) owned by the Space Delivery Team. DE&S have acquired an additional 2 Spirent Simulators since the previous contract,

these simulators will also be added to the new contract. Support to these additional

simulators will be included as options and can be invoked at any point.

Justification For Non-Competitive Decision:

Spirent Communications Plc are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for all (hardware and software) component parts of the simulators in question and therefore have all the technical know-how associated with the design, manufacture and support of the Spirent simulator product line, required to support and maintain the equipment and associated software. In addition, the software source code included in the hardware is Spirent copyright and confidential material, and as such cannot be support by another contractor.

#### **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: £390,164

### **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: Yes

Description of options

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### **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 procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- 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:

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It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(b)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical reasons. Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate.

#### 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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

3 May 2024

#### **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**

Spirent Communications

Paignton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £390,164

#### **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