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## **Hire of Royal Albert Hall for MFM 2024 & 2025**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

[lee.culshaw100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:lee.culshaw100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **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**

Hire of Royal Albert Hall for MFM 2024 & 2025

Reference number

707859450

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

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

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

Services

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

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to award a 2 year contract to The Corporation of the Hall of Arts and Sciences (“The Royal Albert Hall”) for the hire of the Royal Albert Hall to host the Mountbatten Music Festival in 2024 and 2025. In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319), this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) and 32(b)(i) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent both for technical reasons and the aim of the procurement is the acquisition of a unique artistic performance. This festival has been held at the Royal Albert Hall for 50 years, and is held there due to the prestige of and history associated with the Royal Albert Hall, both in a historical and military context. The Royal Albert Hall is able to meet the security requirements needed in relation to the profile of some of the potential guests. In addition the event is also arranged in association with a third party, the Royal Marines charity, who require it to be held at the Royal Albert Hall.

#### **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: £161,750

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

Options: No

#### **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 without a prior call for competition

- 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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#### 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

### Contract No

707859450

## **Title**

Hire of Royal Albert Hall for MFM 2024 & 2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 May 2023

### **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**

The Corporation of the Hall of Arts and Sciences

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £161,750

### **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**

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Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom