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Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

The Support Capabilities and Commodities Team, part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract to Leonardo UK Ltd (Leonardo) for repair and post design services for the Elmer Radio and AD120 Avionic Communication Equipment (Equipment), which is used on the Chinook, Merlin and Wildcat platforms. The contract will be for a term of 5 years plus two option years and have an estimated value of up to £8m ex VAT.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded under Section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023 because the direct award justification specified in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 (single supplier – technical reasons) applies.

This is because Leonardo is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Equipment and has supported it since it was introduced into service in the early 1980s. Only the OEM has access to the technical knowledge, documentation and spare parts required to perform the contract and there are no other reasonable alternatives.

Contract 1. Elmer Radio and AD120 Avionic Comms Equipment

Supplier

- Leonardo UK

Contract value

- £8,000,000 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 May 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 May 2026 to 14 May 2031
- Possible extension to 14 May 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Only two option years are in the Contract. Can be used at the Authority's discretion.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50342000 - Repair and maintenance services of audio equipment

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

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Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Elmer Radio and AD120 Avionic Comms Equipment

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government