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Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK - South West (England)

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

Main address

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

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

Services

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

Provision of Cyber Protection Team SANS Voucher

##### **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: £4,500,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

Provision of Cyber Protection Team SANS Voucher

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 1 year extension options (or part thereof)

**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:

The Authority intends to award a contract to ESCAL Institute of Advanced Technologies (also known as SANS) for the procurement of Cyber Protection Team SANS vouchers. The estimated total value of the contract is £4,500,000.00 (excl. VAT) over a 36 month period. SANS are the only security-accredited provider of the specific industry-standard cyber training including the GIAC accreditation, further to this SANS do not use UK resellers.

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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 32(2)(a): absence of tenders or suitable tenders.

#### 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**

707936450

**Title**

Provision of Cyber Protection Team SANS vouchers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract/concession****V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

8 June 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**

ESCAL Institute of Advanced Technologies

North Bethesda

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £4,500,000

**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**

Army Commercial

Andover

Country

United Kingdom