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## **Merlin Out of Service Extension Programme**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

**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**

Merlin Out of Service Extension Programme

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Contract to undertake the Assessment Phase of the OSDEP Programme

**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: £1,861,065

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34711500 - Helicopters
- 35612200 - Anti submarine warfare helicopters
- 35612300 - Support helicopters
- 35612400 - Military transport helicopters

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Portsmouth

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

Contract to undertake the Assessment Phase of the OSDEP Programme

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

Price

### **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**

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

- The contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to enter into a contract with Lockheed Martin to undertake a full review of and validation of the obsolescence issues anticipated to arise in with the airframes and equipment together with the associated training aids in the 2030+ timescale in order to extend the Out of Service date of the Merlin Mk2 and Mk4/4a aircraft.

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). 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 16(1)(a)(ii) because Lockheed Martin have the specific know-how, tools and equipment and access to the technical drawings, publications and manufacturing data pertaining to the relevant Merlin Mk2 aircraft to fulfil all the contractual requirements.

The procurement strategy taken is one where parallel, mirrored single source contracts are to be with Leonardo Helicopters and Lockheed Martin acting as CDOs. This aims to reduce the co-ordination risk seen in previous projects by establishing a Joint Project Office (JPO).

#### **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**

708470451

### **Title**

Merlin Out of Service Extension Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

4 July 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**

Lockheed Martin

Portsmouth

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,861,065

Lowest offer: £1,861,065 / Highest offer: £1,861,065 taken into consideration

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

All or certain subcontracts will be awarded through a competitive procedure

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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