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## **Provision of a digitisation of processes using data science and analytics to enable: Simulation and testing of investment and disinvestment decisions**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

London

#### **Email**

[hannah.price107@mod.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.price107@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://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**

Provision of a digitisation of processes using data science and analytics to enable:  
Simulation and testing of investment and disinvestment decisions

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

- 72212610 - Database software development services

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

Services

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

Provision of a digitisation of processes using data science and analytics to enable:  
Simulation and testing of investment and disinvestment decisions

#### **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: £1,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Provision of a digitisation of processes using data science and analytics to enable:  
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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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

UK Strategic Command (UKStratCom), part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), “The Authority”, intends to award a contract with a value of £1m (ex VAT) to Whitespace Ventures Limited (“Whitespace”) for the provision of an enhanced real-time situational awareness, coordination, and decision-making platform (“the Platform”).

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this contract 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 this contract can be awarded without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.

This is because Whitespace developed the Platform as a proof of concept under the terms of a previous contract. The Platform is a technically advanced solution which takes a unique data-driven approach, using artificial intelligence and machine learning to guide and inform complex decisions. Only Whitespace therefore has access to the technical specifications, design and technical information, expertise, knowledge and know-how necessary to now develop the Platform to a full defence capability.

#### 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**

701578490

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 August 2021

#### **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**

Whitespace Ventures Limited

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: £1,000,000

#### **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**

Ministry of Defence

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London

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