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Contract

## **ISTEC Combined Support Contract**

Ministry of Defence

F18: Contract award notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

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**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

<https://des.mod.uk/>

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.3) Main activity**

Defence

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract**

ISTEC Combined Support Contract

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 3: Defence services, military defence services and civil defence services

#### **NUTS code**

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The awarded contract is for the provision of support services in respect of weapon and sight mount systems. The contract will be for 5-year period and will include the provision of a technical support service and the procurement of additional in-service systems if required.

#### **II.1.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 50620000 - Repair and maintenance services of firearms and ammunition

#### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

### **II.2) Total final value of contract(s)**

#### **II.2.1) Total final value of contract(s)**

Value: £520,834

Excluding VAT

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## Section IV: Procedure

### Type of procedure

Negotiated without publication of a contract notice

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice

The works/goods/services can be provided only by a particular tenderer for reasons that are:

technical

The Dismounted Close Combat programme team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, has placed a 5-year contract with ISTECH Services Ltd for the Combined Support, Supply and Repair of in-service weapon and sight mount systems with the provision to procure additional systems if required.

It is considered that this Contract will be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) and 16(1)(b)(i) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for Technical Reasons. This is because ISTECH Services Ltd are the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Design Authority (DA) and are the only economic entity with the necessary technical data, knowledge and expertise, and proprietary documentation maintained by the DA necessary to provide the required technical support and undertake any Post Design Services to ensure it complies with the Authority's specification and maintains operational performance and effectiveness of the in-service mount systems.

Without access to the proprietary documentation, technical drawings, tooling and test equipment, specific manufacturing processes and knowledge and expertise, any goods or services provided by another entity would require new testing, new verification and validation to ensure that the safety and suitability for service of the systems, operational performance and effectiveness, and the interoperability with other weapons and platforms is not compromised and that the Safety Case for the system is not invalidated. A change of supplier would also oblige the Authority to acquire goods having different technical characteristics, resulting in incompatibility between the existing platforms and weapons, affecting the support, technical publications and documentation, training, and logistics of a

multiple platform fleet from that already provided and currently in-service. There would also be disproportionate cost, time and technical difficulties incurred to the Authority associated with introducing new items into the Authority's supply chain and inventory.

## **IV.2) Award criteria**

### **IV.2.1) Award criteria**

Lowest price

### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

## **IV.3) Administrative information**

### **IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

700987375

### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

#### **Voluntary ex ante transparency notice**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-004298](#) of 3 March 2021

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## **Section V: Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

700987375

### **V.1) Date of contract award decision**

16 August 2021

### **V.2) Information about offers**

#### **Number of offers received**

1

#### **Number of offers received by electronic means**

1

**V.3) Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

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**V.4) Information on value of contract**

**Total final value of the contract**

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

### **VI.3) Procedures for appeal**

#### **VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

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