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## **Future Portfolio Assessment Phase - Initial Enablers**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://des.mod.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**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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Reference number

PA-004

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75221000 - Military defence services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

To assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons produced by MBDA UK Ltd.

**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: £5,230,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

To assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons produced by MBDA UK Ltd.

#### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Complex Weapons Future Portfolio Team within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), which is a part of the UK Ministry of Defence (the Authority), intends to place an 18 month Assessment Phase contract with MBDA UK Ltd to assess and de-risk the development and implementation of new acquisition approaches and methodologies in the development, qualification, manufacture and support of Complex Weapons.

It is considered that this contract is exempt from the application of the DSPCR in accordance with Article 346(1)(b) of the TFEU (as it was launched prior to 31 December 2020), for reasons connected with the protection of essential security interests, namely the continuation of the UK's Operational Advantage and Freedom of Action.

These national security interests necessitate the Authority maintaining a sustainable sovereign industrial base for the supply of Complex Weapons. Only MBDA UK Ltd, as the Authority's predominant supplier of heavyweight Complex Weapons, has the necessary in-depth technical knowledge, specific know-how, designs, and production facilities at its disposal to provide the required portfolio of products and services.

#### **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**

PA-004

### **Title**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 July 2022

### **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**

MBDA UK Ltd

Stevenage

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,230,000

### **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**

Defence Equipment & Support

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