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## **UCL Submarine Design and Acquisition Course**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Bristol,

BS34 8JH

#### **Email**

[katie.thomas150@mod.gov.uk](mailto:katie.thomas150@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

Main address

<http://gov.co.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**

UCL Submarine Design and Acquisition Course

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

- 80340000 - Special education services

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

Services

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

Procurement of the SDAC Contract, which will seek to procure niche Naval Architecture tuition regarding the construction and maintenance of submarines

##### **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: £185,850

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Procurement of the SDAC Contract, which will seek to procure niche Naval Architecture tuition regarding the construction and maintenance of submarines. This will be a two year Contract with upto 10 students per year.

#### **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:

See section v1.3

##### **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**

61847738

#### **Title**

UCL Submarine Design and Acquisition Course

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 July 2024

### **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**

University College London

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £185,850

Lowest offer: £185,850 / Highest offer: £185,850 taken into consideration

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

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Submarines Delivery Agency (SDA), acting as agent for the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to award a single source contract for a period of 24 months to University College London (UCL) for the provision of a Submarines Delivery Acquisition Course (SDAC).

The UCL Submarine Design Course introduces SDA Naval Architects and Marine Engineers to the basic elements governing the design and acquisition of submarines and underwater craft. Starting from a consideration of the operating requirements, it provides an approach to developing conceptual solutions, establishing the feasibility, and delivering preliminary design detail.

The course shows how the various mobility elements of the vehicle, speed, endurance, diving depth and control interact, and how the demands of the equipment required to perform a vessel's operational function can govern the choice of vehicle and its configuration.

The continued delivery of this SDAC training is essential to support the development of Suitably Qualified Experienced Personnel (SQEP) within SDA who sit within the scarce technical discipline of Naval Architecture. These skills and experience are needed to maintain SDA support to the Continuous at Sea Deterrent (CASD)

A 24-month contract with UCL for the delivery of this important SDAC Training Course, will develop and maintain SDA Naval Architecture SQEP, whilst also allowing the SDA to review the Training Provider delivery platforms for SDAC from October 2026 onwards.

UCL are the only UK supplier of the SDAC, and they are the only current Training Provider with the technical knowledge, experience, course material, and technical documentation to deliver the SDAC. The SDAC as a product, has been developed over many years (since 1967) and uses a combination of MOD, UCL and Industry experts for its delivery. It should be noted that even though MOD staff (DE&S and SDA) are involved with the delivery of the SDAC, MOD IPR of the SDAC course material has never been established.

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

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

University College London

London

Country

United Kingdom