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## **RPAS/0001 - Protector Training Conduct**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036005

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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**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**

RPAS/0001 - Protector Training Conduct

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80630000 - Training and simulation in military vehicles

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of Training Services on the MQ-9B Protector

**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: 25,906,592 USD

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- US - United States

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

Provision of initial training services on MQ-9B Protector

### **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

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a Contract to General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc (“GA-ASI”) for the delivery of the Protector Training Conduct to train the initial 33 mission crews. The contract duration is for a period of 19 months from September 2022 until March 2024, with a value of \$25.9M.

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 is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 due to technical reasons.

This is because the Protector design, modifications, certification and training activities are based upon Certifiable Predator B (CPB) platform which GA-ASI are the designer and only manufacturer. This means GA-ASI are the only supplier with the required knowledge of the system and are the only supplier capable of providing and delivering the training needed on this contract.

#### 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**

RPAS/0001

### **Title**

Protector Training Conduct

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 August 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**

General Atomic Aeronautical Systems

14200 Kirkham Way

Poway

CA 92064

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: 25,906,592 USD

**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 and Supprt

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom