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## Digital Aviation Learning from Experience

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036aa8

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### Section I: Contracting authority/entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### Email

[timothy.philips100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:timothy.philips100@mod.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://gov.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**

Digital Aviation Learning from Experience

Reference number

704970450

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

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

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

Services

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

Research & Development - Digital Aviation Learning from Experience

#### **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: £9,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Research & Development project, applying experimental digital engineering to the development of a crewed, fixed-wing air system.

#### **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:

1. The DE&S Catalyst team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Aeralis Ltd for Digital Aviation Learning, a requirement to observe and obtain relevant information and learnt lessons from the development of a crewed, fixed-wing air system which is adopting Digital Engineering to design, manufacture, test and certify the air system. This contract has an estimated value of £9M.

2. In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI No.2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR 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.

3. It is considered that for technical reasons this contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) and is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR pursuant to Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011. This is because Aeralis Ltd are the only known UK-based economic operator that is adopting Digital Engineering to design, manufacture, test and certify a crewed, fixed-wing air system that is to fly on the military register. On this basis, it is considered that Aeralis are the only economic operator that are therefore technically capable of fulfilling this requirement, particularly within the timescales required.

#### **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**

704970450

### **Title**

Digital Aviation Learning From Experience

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 September 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**

Aeralis Ltd

Bury Lodge, Bury Lane, IP14 1J

Stowmarket

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: £9,000,000

**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**

Defence Equipment & Support

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom