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Contract

## **Protector Training Conduct**

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)**

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**For the attention of**

Miller Nick

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**Country**

United Kingdom

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

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

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

Protector Training Conduct

#### **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**

- US - United States

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

Provision of initial Crew and Maintainer training on the Protector RPAS

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

- 80650000 - Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

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

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

Value: 25,906,592 USN

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 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), has awarded 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.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.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-023008](#) of 18 October 2022

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

#### **Contract No**

RPAS/0001

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

7 September 2022

#### **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**

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.

14200 Kirkham Way

Poway

CA 92064

**Country**

United States

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

**Total final value of the contract**

Value: 25,906,592 USD

Excluding VAT

**If annual or monthly value**

Number of months: 19

**V.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: No

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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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