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Contract

## **701264395 - Support of the Vicon 78 Series 455 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMD5)**

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)**

Ministry of Defence

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Bristol

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**For the attention of**

Rowan Matthew

**Email(s)**

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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**

701264395 - Support of the Vicon 78 Series 455 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS)

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

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

Contract Award Notice for Support of VICON 78 Series 455 CMDS, which is a theatre-entry standard (TES) system currently fitted to various Aircraft Platforms.

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

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

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

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

Value: £1,624,189

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

- 1) The Air Platform Systems (APS) Delivery Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ("MOD"), intends to place a three (3) year contract with two (2) one (1) year options with Thales UK for the through life support of Vicon 455 Countermeasure Dispensing Systems (CMDS) that are fitted to Wildcat, Shadow and Defender aircraft.
- 2) It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 for technical reasons.
- 3) The continued support required by MOD to existing in-service equipment must be contracted directly with Thales UK, procuring alternative equipment or contracting support from a supplier other than Thales is not possible for the following reasons:
  - a) Interoperability issues, necessitating the substantial re-design and structural modification of complex military equipment, including the installation of specific wiring, to the existing UK aircraft fleets fitted with Vicon 455 CMDS to enable embodiment of alternative CMDS equipment;
  - b) Incompatibility between the existing in-service systems/equipment and the alternative CMDS equipment resulting in further complex design and modification [which, for operational reasons, would be so time consuming as to potentially jeopardise the safe functioning of the Armed Forces];
  - c) The need to retrain technicians and system experts which would lead to a gap in knowledge that would have a significant risk and impact on current operations and ability for the in-service aircraft to fulfil their operational commitment.

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

**Contract No**

701264395

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

12 November 2020

### **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**

Thales UK Limited

Reading

**Country**

United Kingdom

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

**Total final value of the contract**

Value: £1,624,189

Excluding VAT

**If annual or monthly value**

Number of years: 3

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Procedures for appeal**

#### **VI.3.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **VI.3.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

Not Applicable

Not applicable

#### **Country**

United Kingdom