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## **712554450- PROVISION OF UK BASED LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR THE DELIVERY OF RAF FALCONS PARACHUTING ACTIVITY**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049c4e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

High Wycombe

##### **Email**

[Tammy.Evans183@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Tammy.Evans183@mod.gov.uk)

##### **Country**

United Kingdom

##### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.contracts.gov.uk](http://www.contracts.gov.uk)

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **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**

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

- 60424100 - Hire of aircraft with crew

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

Services

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

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#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,033,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60424100 - Hire of aircraft with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Please note this is not a call for competition, this is a Prior Information Notice (PIN) the PROVISION OF UK BASED LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR THE DELIVERY OF RAF

## FALCONS PARACHUTING ACTIVITY

The proposed contract commencing 1 March 2025 to 31 October 2026 (the training/seasons are 1 Mar-31 Oct 25 and then 1 Mar-31 Oct 26) would be to provide:

- i. A light aircraft (ac), 1 x full time pilot and associated support enablers to deliver up to 130 flying hours per year with a minimum guaranteed requirement of 30 hours per season to enable RAF Falcons Parachute Activity (FPA), in order to meet the training demand for and delivery of, the 2025 and 2026 Parachute Display Seasons.
- ii. A Light ac capable of meeting extant Release-to-Service (RTS) requirements for the dispatch of military Freefall (FF) manually deployed parachutes, detailed in the Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates (CAERC) and confirmed by Trials & Evaluation (T&E) undertaken by the Joint Aerial Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit Parachute Test Team (JADTEU PTT).
- iii. As required by the Authority, up to 60 Fire and Crash Cover (FCC) hours (30 per season), and up to 14 hours per day of requirement, for the 2025/26 seasons hours to compensate for the absence of embedded FCC fit-to-meet demand. Provision of tender and support vehicles, associated crash equipment and extinguishing consumables and provision of a suitably qualified and experienced FCC crews. The Contractor will be required to plan and coordinate FCC accordingly. The Contractor will be responsible for determining the suitability of all operating a/f and that such facilities allow the appropriate level of crash cover iaw ICAO / DSA02 and DSA03 for light ac.

To establish supplier interest for this potential requirement please contact [Tammy.Evans183@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Tammy.Evans183@mod.gov.uk) to register your interest.

You must not take this Prior Information Notice to mean confirmation that the Authority shall award a contract for this requirement. The Authority is publishing this announcement without any commitment to issue a tender or place a contract. Accordingly, any expenditure, work or effort undertaken before contract award is a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

14 October 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No