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Contract

## **Merlin Out Of Service Date Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

## **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**

Merlin Out Of Service Date Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2

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

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters

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

Services

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

Merlin Out Of Service Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2 is to support the Merlin Mk4/4a through to an extended out of service date of 2024 to develop solutions in order to contract a D&M Contract.

#### **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: £14,612,024

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

Merlin Out Of Service Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2 is to support the Merlin Mk4/4a through to an extended out of service date of 2024 to develop solutions in order to contract a D&M Contract.

### **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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure

Explanation:

The Secretary of State for Defence has entered into a Qualifying Defence Contract with Leonardo Helicopters to undertake a full review of and validation of the obsolescence issues anticipated to arise in with the airframes and equipment together with the associated training aids in the 2030+ timescale in order to extend the Out of Service date of the Merlin Mk2 and Mk4/4a aircraft out to 2040.

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 (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) because Leonardo Helicopters have the specific know-how, tools and equipment and access to the technical drawings, publications and manufacturing data pertaining to the relevant Merlin Mk4/4a aircraft to fulfil all the contractual requirements.

#### 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

### Contract No

711761450

## **Title**

Merlin Out Of Service Extension Programme (OSDEP) Assessment Phase 2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

2 June 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Leonardo UK Ltd

Yeovil

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £14,612,024

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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