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## **FsAST 709441451 Virtual Reality Parachute Trainer**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.DES.MOD.UK](http://www.DES.MOD.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**

FsAST 709441451 Virtual Reality Parachute Trainer

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

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

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Flight Simulation and Synthetic Training Team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to place a new contract with Pennant PLC (“Pennant”) for the repair and software maintenance of an updated Virtual Reality Parachute Trainer (VRPT 3) at RAF Brize Norton. The Authority intends to place a new contract with Pennant for a value of £670,000 for a period of up to 5 years, plus 5-year option.

**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: £670,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 x 5 years

### **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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Flight Simulation and Synthetic Training Team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to place a new contract with Pennant PLC (“Pennant”) for the repair and software maintenance of an updated Virtual Reality Parachute Trainer (VRPT 3) at RAF Brize Norton. The Authority intends to place a new contract with Pennant for a value of £670,000 for a period of up to 5 years, plus 5-year option. In accordance with Regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI No.2019/697) this procurement shall 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. It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Reg 16 (1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 on the basis that no economic operator aside from Pennant is capable of meeting the Authority's requirements for technical reasons, namely lack of access to technical documentation would mean that any new supplier would not be able to attain sufficient level of delivery to ensure safety case deliverables would be maintained for this risk to life mitigation training aid.

#### 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

FsAST 709441451

### Title

Virtual Reality Parachute Trainer 3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 November 2023

### **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**

Pennant International Limited

Pennant Court (Head Office) , Staverton Technology Park , Cheltenham

Cheltenham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

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: £670,000

### **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**

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