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## Mission Crew Trainer Sustainment

Ministry of Defence

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

#### Email

[DES-AirISTAR-E7-CM@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DES-AirISTAR-E7-CM@mod.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

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**

Mission Crew Trainer Sustainment

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

- 80660000 - Training and simulation in military electronic systems

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

Services

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

The E7 Acquisition Project Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 3-year contract to Plexsys Interface Products UK Ltd for the maintenance of the current Mission Crew Trainer software and hardware located in RAF Lossiemouth. This contract placement is intended to be awarded with an additional 3 option years.

#### **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: £10,966,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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Mission Crew Trainer software and hardware located in RAF Lossiemouth. This contract placement is intended to be awarded with an additional 3 option years.

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. This is because Plexsys Interface Products UK Ltd are the only company to have access to the Mission Crew Trainer source code/data and other necessary technical information to enable it to meet the RAF's synthetic training needs and provide the maintenance required throughout the contracting period.

To be successful in maintaining the functionality of the equipment, the supplier must have suitable experience and detailed knowledge of the system including both hardware and software which is only available within Plexsys. It is critical that the Mission Crew Trainer device remains fully operational and contracting with another contractor would pose a high risk to its critical functionality, thereby jeopardising the training of rear crew. For these reasons, Plexsys Interface Products UK Ltd is the only supplier able to meet the requirement

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 1 year options following initial 3 year period.

### **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

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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#### 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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 November 2024

#### **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**

PLEXSYS Interface Products UK LTD

Lincoln

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £10,966,000

#### **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**

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom