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Award

712746450 - Direct Award for the Provision of Army Orienteering Services

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056779

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Scope

Description

712746450 - This procurement is to support the Army Orienteering Association (AOA) to deliver training courses, coaching, mapping services, competitions and technical services. This includes technical advice and provision of timing equipment/services to deliver effective training, complying to British Orienteering National Governing Body rules and policies and 'safe-place, safe-training'.

Contract 1. 712746450

Supplier

- EMIT-UK TIMING LIMITED

Contract value

- £329,093.33 excluding VAT
- £394,912 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 December 2025 to 29 December 2028

- 2 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

One 12 Month Option Period

CPV classifications

- 92622000 - Sports-event organisation services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 22114300 - Maps

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Concession

Direct award justification

Switching to direct award

Section 43 (Switching to Direct Award) of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA2023) permits a contracting authority to switch from a competitive tendering procedure to the direct award of a public contract in circumstances where no, or no suitable, tenders or requests to participate have been received during the competitive tendering procedure. This is applicable when the contracting authority determines that awarding a contract through a competitive tendering procedure under Section 19 is not feasible in the given circumstances.

The contracting authority previously conducted an open competitive procurement process for this orienteering requirement in May 2025 but did not receive any suitable tenders or

requests to participate. This was likely due to the niche nature of the requirement, the limited number of suppliers in this specialised field, and the logistical challenges of the specified location. Only one bid was submitted, and the competition attracted limited interest, with no other suppliers confirming interest or submitting clarification questions, resulting in no suitable tenders. Consequently, it is not possible to proceed under section 19, and a direct award under section 43 has been deemed necessary to meet the requirement.

A tender notice for the above mentioned competition was published on 2nd April 2025:

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/012644-2025>

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Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government