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Award

Provision of support services to TacSys Dismounted Data System (DDS)

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The DDS requirement is to deliver a quantity of radios and ancillaries to be connected to provide the DDS system. The design to be used to deliver is owned by the MOD and was delivered as part of the Dismounted Situational Awareness (DSA) project by Rowden Technologies. The DSA project has been delayed but the design has been used by other MOD teams. Rowden continuation of support is required to deliver DDS capability, building on work they have already completed as the Design and Integration Partner for DSA project.

Contract 1. Provision of support services for TacSys DDS

Supplier

- Rowden Technologies

Contract value

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

4 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 21 August 2026
- 11 months, 18 days

Description of possible extension:

Extension options included in the contract

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

1x 3-months extension option + 1x 2-months extension option

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

- Defence and security - qualifying defence contract new award rather than modification
- Defence and security - necessary to enhance or maintain operational capability, effectiveness, readiness for action, safety or security of the armed forces

The TacSys Service Executive (SE) within Defence Digital (DD), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), intends to place with Rowden Technologies a 7-month contract for the Provision of Support Services to the TacSys Dismounted Data System (DDS).

It is considered that this contract can be placed using a Direct Award Procedure pursuant to Schedule 5, Paras 6 & 7, of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23) due to technical reasons and the supply of repeat services.

Following the competitive procedure through the Digital Outcomes and Specialists 5 (DOS 5) framework, the MOD awarded initial Design and Integration Partner (DIP) 2-year contract to Rowden Technologies in July 2021. The scope of the contract was to deliver a DSA system design, which would be used by the MOD to carry out an Assessment Phase competition and to supply the Dismounted Situational Awareness (DSA) system at scale. This design was delivered and has been extensively used and further developed by the MOD and will be used to deliver DDS requirement. As such a new short-term support contract is required prior to planned competition for a longer term contract. Rowden were responsible for the development and delivery of the DSA system design and are currently the only company who have the requisite technical knowhow, expertise and experience to carry out the activities required for the DDS.

A change of supplier at this time would introduce disproportionate technical difficulties in both the operation and maintenance of the DDS system, resulting in a loss of capability. Due to the above reasons the requirement will continue as a single source requirement.

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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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