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Contract

The Provision of In Barrack Engineering Support (IBES) to Watchkeeper

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714736451

Description

The requirement is for the Provision of In Barrack Equipment Support (IBES) to Watchkeeper Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS). It will cover the deployment of technicians to provide maintenance services on Watchkeeper RPAS.

Contract 1. The Provision of In Barrack Equipment Support (IBES) to Watchkeeper

Supplier

- MPI Limited

Contract value

- £911,536.95 excluding VAT
- £1,093,844.34 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

29 August 2025

Contract dates

- 29 August 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2026
- 1 year, 1 month, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

6-month option period or part thereof

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71336000 - Engineering support services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
SQEP authorisation awarded.	All SQEP authorisations met in 3 months accordance with the Statement of Requirement Terms of Reference and commensurate with any secondary duties undertaken.	
Monthly delivery of demanded maintenance hours.	Percentage of hours delivered that month, against monthly demand.	1 months
Accrued delivery of demanded maintenance hours.	Percentage of hours accrued that Financial Year, against accrued demand.	1 months

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Authority intends to award a contract to MPI Limited for the Provision of In Barrack Engineering Support (IBES) to Watchkeeper Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS). The contract will cover the deployment at specific working locations of technicians as workforce enhancement, to provide maintenance services on Watchkeeper RPAS. The Contract is intended to be for a duration of 9 months commencing on 1 July 2025, with 1 x 6-month option period (or part thereof). The duration of the Contract aligns with the estimated out of service date of Watchkeeper, 31 March 2026. The Watchkeeper capability is required to remain at readiness level until a suitable replacement reaches its initial operating capability. The value of the Contract (including option year) is estimated to be £911,536.95 exclusive of VAT.

It is considered that this contract can be awarded in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Procurement Act 2023, where competition is absent for technical reasons.

MPI Limited is the only supplier with the requisite skills, knowledge and experience to provide the requisite engineering support to the Watchkeeper platform. The time taken to recruit and train technicians to the requisite standard would cause an unacceptable capability gap in the provision of the services resulting in an unacceptable risk to readiness levels of the platform and, therefore, operations.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

Army HQ

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Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government