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Contract

UK 7 Transparency Notice 714320451 Tracked Width Mine Plough GiK Replenishment

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714320451 Tracked Width Mine Plough GiK Replenishment

Description

Army Commercial, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (“MoD”), intends to award a contract to Pearson Engineering Limited (“Pearson”), for 26 Track Width Mine Ploughs (“TWMP”) and 24 Main Battle Tank

(“MBT”) Installation Kits.

The contract will have a duration of approximately 18 months, dependent upon production timelines. The contract will have an estimated value of £10,500,000.00 (ten million and five hundred thousand pounds) and be placed as a Supply contract.

As a covered procurement, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 (the “PA23”). It is considered that the direct award of the

contract is lawful in accordance with section 41(1) and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 5 of the PA 2023.

This procurement relates to replenishment of equipment that was Gifted in Kind (GiK) to Ukraine (UKR). This GiK activity has generated a capability gap in mobility support with minefield breaching equipment. There is no current equipment programme to replenish stocks of TWMP. The conflict in UKR has reinforced the requirement for organic mobility at the tactical level within Armoured Units and it is critical that this capability is replenished.

In accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 5 of the PA23, MoD proposes to directly award this contract to Pearson. It is considered that direct award is lawful in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 PA23 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 PA23, as a change in supplier would result in MoD receiving goods, services or works that are incompatible with existing goods, services or works and the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

Pearson are the only supplier with the specific know-how to produce the bespoke TWMP and MBT installation kits. MoD has also identified strict technical reasons that derive from specific interoperability and safety requirements; noting TWMP and installation kits must be compatible with the existing vehicle fleet, and extant safety case.

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Supplier

- Pearson Engineering Ltd

Contract value

- £8,674,805 excluding VAT
- £10,409,766 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

20 August 2025

Contract dates

- 20 August 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 7 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34113200 - All-terrain vehicles

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
On Time Delivery	Percentage of contractual milestones achieved (in accordance with PEL Schedule Delivery Plan) on or before contractual due date.	1 months
Product Quality and Compliance	Percentage of delivered units that pass First Article Inspection (FAI) or Acceptance Testing without requiring rework or remedial action.	12 months
Completeness and Timeliness of Supporting Deliverables	Measure of supplier's performance in providing all contractually required supporting items (i.e., documentation, manuals, training and spares, if applicable).	12 months

Signed contract documents

[\(05\) SC2 Schedules_REDACTED.pdf](#)

SC2 Schedules REDACTED

[\(03\) SC2 Core Terms_Signed by Both Parties_REDACTED.pdf](#)

SC2 Core Terms (Signed) REDACTED

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

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In accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 5 of the PA23, MoD proposes to directly award this contract to Pearson. It is considered that direct award is lawful in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 PA23 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 PA23 as a change in supplier would result in MoD receiving goods, services or works that are incompatible with existing goods, services or works and the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. Therefore, there is an absence of competition for technical reasons as no other supplier is able to supply TWMP and/or MBT installation kits that meet MoD’s requirements and there are no reasonable alternatives to these goods.

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Supplier

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

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

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government