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Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

6 year Contract (with 2 Option years) for Procurement and Support of a Personal Equipment Decontamination Capability.

Contract 1. Personal Equipment Decontamination Capability

Supplier

- Kärcher Futuretech GmbH

Contract value

- £3,556,655.80 excluding VAT
- £4,267,986.96 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 1 October 2031
- Possible extension to 1 October 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 Option Years to extend the Contract to 2033

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

2 Option Years to extend the Contract to 2033

CPV classifications

- 33191110 - Autoclaves

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

1. The Protect Delivery Team, part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), intends to award a contract to Kärcher Futuretech GmbH (Kärcher) for:

i) the supply of Vacuum Decontamination Module 265 (VDM 265),

ii) refurbishment of existing VDMs; and

iii) on-going maintenance, support and training on use. The contract will be for a maximum term of eight years (an initial five-year period with options to extend by an additional three years) and have an estimated maximum value of £4,267,986.96 (Inc VAT).

2. It is considered that this contract can be awarded under section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023 because the direct award justification specified in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 (technical reasons) applies.

3. This is because Kärcher's VDM 265 is considered to be the only decontamination equipment capable of removing entrapped contaminants from sensitive military equipment without a substantial risk of causing damage; there is no reasonable alternative. As the manufacturer of the VDM 365, only Kärcher has the technical drawings, tools, information and expertise to be able to maintain, support and provide training on use of this vital piece of safety equipment.

Supplier

Kärcher Futuretech GmbH

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Personal Equipment Decontamination Capability

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government