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## **CMWS AAR-57, ALQ-157 and ALE 47 In Service Support**

Defence Equipment and Support

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Program Managment, Repairs including material purchases, Technical Support, Procurment of spares & ground support equipment and Tasking for CMWS, ALQ 157 and ALE47 & M157 CMDS inc Post Design Services

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## **Contract 1. CMWS AAR-57, ALQ-157 and ALE 47 In Service Support**

### **Supplier**

- BAE Systems

## **Contract value**

- £56,000,000 excluding VAT
- £67,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

1 December 2027

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 February 2028 to 31 January 2032
- Possible extension to 31 January 2034
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Option within the contract to extend the duration of the services for a further 2 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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## **CPV classifications**

- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Defence and security

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Defensive Aids Delivery Team, part of the Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”), intends to enter into a contract with BAE Systems Ltd (“BAE”) for the through-life support of ALE-47/M-147 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDS), ALQ-157 Infrared

Countermeasure System, and AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) including maintenance, technical engineering support, training, procurement in support of ALE-47/M-147 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDS), ALQ-157 Infrared Countermeasure System and AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) and associated spares provision. These systems are mandated as Theatre Entry Standard (TES) equipment, used across several platforms in line with customer requirements.

The length of the new contract will be four years with a two year option (4+2). The approximate value of the Contract is estimated to be £56 million ex VAT including the exercise of the option years.

In accordance with Section 41(1)(a) of the Procurement Act 2023 (the "Act"), the Authority intends to rely on the Single Supplier direct award justification, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Act, to award a public contract directly to BAE, a supplier that is not an excluded supplier. It is considered that a Direct Award is permissible under the Act on the basis that, due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only BAE can carry out the services and there are no alternatives to those goods, services or works. Only BAE can supply the services for the following reasons:

BAE is the OEM for all three systems, ALE-47/M-147 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDS), ALQ-157 Infrared Countermeasure System and AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) and are currently providing in-service support including maintenance. Only BAE has the necessary technical information to be able to perform this requirement. Their continued technical expertise, technical data and manufacturing expertise is necessary to ensure that the system remains fully operational and compliant with evolving threat environments.

ALE-47/M-147 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDS), ALQ-157 Infrared Countermeasure System and AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) is integrated into specific aircraft platforms, with bespoke configurations tailored to each platform's operational requirements. BAE is the only supplier with the detailed technical information necessary to ensure seamless integration and compatibility with existing systems.

ALE-47/M-147 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDS), ALQ-157 Infrared Countermeasure System and AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) is a safety-critical system, and any modifications or maintenance must comply with stringent airworthiness and safety standards. BAE, as the OEM, is the only supplier with the relevant technical information and system expertise to be able to ensure safety/airworthiness requirements are met.

Accordingly, due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, BAE is considered as the only supplier that can provide the services and there are no reasonable alternatives to those services as required by the Authority.

The contract will not be awarded to an excluded or excludable supplier, a Contract Award Notice and Contract Details Notice will follow in accordance with Procurement Act 2023.

Risk Assessment Ref: RAR-250814A03

Cyber Risk Profile: Low

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## Supplier

### BAE Systems

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

## Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government