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Award

B.O 2 Award for services

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

This direct award is for prototype & development services in relation to a sensitive project within the Ministry of Defence. The services being conducted are for the purpose of developing an MVP which during this period will be tested for its viability to scale and develop further.

Contract 1. B.O 2 R&D Services

Supplier

- MONTVIEUX LIMITED

Contract value

- £458,333.33 excluding VAT
- £550,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 5 months, 19 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222300 - Information technology services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

Prototypes and development

This contract will be awarded under the following grounds:

This contract is an applicable Defence and Security Contract as outlined within the Procurement Act 2023 based on 7(f) “a contract for the supply of—[...]sensitive services or sensitive works”

““sensitive services” means services performed for security purposes where performing

the services— (a) involves dealing with classified information” “classified information” means information or other material which— (a) in the interests of national security, requires protection from unauthorised access, distribution, or destruction, or from other compromise, and (b) on the basis of those interests, has that protection under the law of any part of the United Kingdom;”

4.5 As this project is held at Official Sensitive classification it is applicable to be sensitive services.

As it is an applicable Defence & Security contract then the direct award justification can be applied subject to this supplier not being Excluded. The supplier identified is Montvieux Limited which is NOT an excluded supplier.

Within schedule 5 the direct award justification to be utilised is as follows: The public contract concerns the production of a prototype, or supply of other novel goods or services, for the purpose of— (a) testing the suitability of the goods or services, (b) researching the viability of producing or supplying the goods or services at scale and developing them for that purpose, or (c) other research, experiment, study or development.

Based on the statement of requirements of this contract, the direct award justification outlined above applies and there is a compliant mechanism to award this contract. The services outlined are deemed as novel as this is a first time development not just for the UK but also for NATO. Additionally the purpose of this work is to test the viability of those services and it still sits firmly within experimentation. Should this project reach maturity and no longer be in experimental stage the approach will be reviewed.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. B.O 2 R&D Services

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government