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## **Maintenance and Support to the Hypobaric Chamber - Transparency notice**

Defence Equipment and Support

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

714595451

### **Description**

The technical maintenance and support to the Hypobaric Chamber system, with the contractor performing Design Organisation responsibilities.

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## **Contract 1. Maintenance and Support to the Hypobaric Chamber**

## **Supplier**

- Busch (UK) Ltd

## **Contract value**

- £900,000 excluding VAT
- £1,100,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

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

14 November 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2030
- Possible extension to 31 December 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Three individual one year option years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 50660000 - Repair and maintenance services of military electronic systems

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Defence and security

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Air Enablers delivery team, part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (“the Authority”) intends to place a new contract with Busch (UK) Ltd for the maintenance and support of its Hypobaric Chambers. The duration of this contract is intended to be four (4) years, plus an additional four (4) individual one (1) year options.

The Authority considers that the direct award justification in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 applies in the circumstances. Namely, in relation to the contract (a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the services required, and (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those services.

In particular, no economic operator aside from Busch (UK) Ltd is capable of supplying the necessary services to the Authority, owing to the fact that Busch (UK) Ltd has recently formally merged with the Design Organisation (“DO”), Vacuum Furnace Engineering (VFE). No supplier other than Busch (UK) Ltd would be able to deliver to the Authority’s level of requirements to ensure maintainability of the Equipment Contribution of Risk to Life Safety Case, without which there is no functioning Hypobaric Chamber.

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## Supplier

### **Busch (UK) Ltd**

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Website: <https://www.buschvacuum.com/uk/en/>

Region: UKG36 - Dudley

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

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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United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-equipment-and-support>

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

Organisation type: Public authority - central government