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Contract

## **Provision of Support Services to the TacSys Dismounted Data System (DDS)**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

715611454

### **Description**

The DDS requirement is to deliver a quantity of radios and ancillaries to be connected to provide the DDS system. The design to be used to deliver is owned by the MOD and was delivered as part of the Dismounted Situational Awareness (DSA) project by Rowden Technologies. The DSA project has been delayed but the design has been used by other MOD teams. Rowden continuation of support is required to deliver DDS capability, building on work they have already completed as the Design and Integration Partner for DSA project.

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## **Contract 1. Provision of Support Services to the TacSys Dismounted Data System (DDS)**

### **Supplier**

- Rowden Technologies

### **Contract value**

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

17 September 2025

### **Contract dates**

- 17 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 August 2026
- 11 months, 14 days

Description of possible extension:

Two extension periods to extend the service until replaced.

## Main procurement category

Services

## Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

2x extension options: 1x to cover period Apr-Jun'26 and 1x to cover period Jul-Aug'26

## CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services

## Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

## Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Provision of cellular service	Provision of a monthly report on use of the remaining SIM card and Data provision. These should be provided as an electronic version in an editable format such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint etc.	1 months

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Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Service desk response time	The speed at which the service desk responds to calls during any exercise or deployment. This must be measured by Rowden Technologies and evidence provided to the Authority on a monthly basis as an electronic version in an editable format such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint etc.	1 months
Post Exercise observation report	Provision of a summary of lessons learnt during the user trials and test activities identifying what worked well, what could be improved, and any necessary adjustments for future use. This shall record system insights such as system faults, failure rates and incidents (including situation and environmental metrics such as temperature, conditions in use etc.). The report should also consider the conditions under which the kit was used and the performance standards it was designed to meet.	10 days

## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Defence and security

### **Direct award justification**

Switching to direct award

The TacSys Service Executive (SE) within Defence Digital (DD), part of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD), have placed with Rowden Technologies a 7-month contract for the Provision of Support Services to the TacSys Dismounted Data System (DDS).

It was considered that this contract can be placed using a Direct Award Procedure pursuant to Schedule 5, Paras 6 & 7, of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23) due to technical reasons and the supply of repeat services.

Following the competitive procedure through the Digital Outcomes and Specialists 5 (DOS 5) framework, the MOD awarded initial Design and Integration Partner (DIP) 2-year contract to Rowden Technologies in July 2021. The scope of the contract was to deliver a DSA system design, which would be used by the MOD to carry out an Assessment Phase competition and to supply the Dismounted Situational Awareness (DSA) system at scale. This design was delivered and has been extensively used and further developed by the MOD and will be used to deliver DDS requirement. As such a new short-term support contract is required prior to planned competition for a longer term contract. Rowden were responsible for the development and delivery of the DSA system design and are currently the only company who have the requisite technical knowhow, expertise and experience to carry out the activities required for the DDS.

A change of supplier at this time would introduce disproportionate technical difficulties in both the operation and maintenance of the DDS system, resulting in a loss of capability. Due to the above reasons the requirement will continue as a single source requirement.

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## Supplier

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

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