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## **Lightning Air System National Capability Enterprise 28-32**

Defence Equipment and Support

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

715712464

### **Description**

The LANCE 28-32 contract will be the National Support Solution (NSS) for the UK's F-35 fleet. It comprises the tailored, Freedom of Action (FoA) services that together with the broader F-35 Program Global Support Solution (GSS) provide sustainment support. LANCE 28-32 services will be delivered by the Contractor at the Main Operating Base (MOB) and when deployed and embarked. Services will include operations, technical, maintenance, training, logistics and facilities management support.

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## **Contract 1. Lightning Air System National Capability Enterprise 28-32**

### **Supplier**

- Lockheed Martin UK Ltd

### **Contract value**

- £220,000,000 excluding VAT
- £264,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

29 October 2027

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2032
- Possible extension to 31 December 2033
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Additional year of contracted services.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

This will be further defined prior to release of tender, but may include services such as additional training services.

## **CPV classifications**

- 50210000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft and other equipment
- 80650000 - Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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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

The Lightning Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a contract to Lockheed Martin UK Ltd (LM UK) for services to sustain the UK F-35 Lightning Aircraft (Aircraft). The contract will be for a term of 5 years and have an estimated value of £220 million (exclusive of VAT).

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 (single supplier – technical reasons) applies.

This is because the services required under this contract (training, maintenance and management) are currently provided by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Aircraft, Lockheed Martin Corporation procured through the US Joint Program Office (JPO) for the Lightning Programme, and LM UK is its wholly owned subsidiary. Only the OEM or one of its group companies has the required technical drawings, tools, knowledge and expertise to provide these services and there is no reasonable alternative.

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## **Supplier**

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Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

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