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Award

Lessons

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714600450

Description

Integrated Warfare Centre (IWC) requires a suitable Contractor to provide professional services support in the form of 8 full time personnel working across the Cyber & Specialist Operations Command (CSOC, formerly UK STRATCOM) footprint, within the following Departments; IWC, Analysis and Assurance (A&A) Team, Military Strategic Headquarters (MSHQ), Permanent Joint Headquarters (PJHQ), jHUB and the Defence Experimentation and Wargaming Hub (DEWH). Lessons Contractors will be responsible for collecting, analysing, actioning, implementing and validating lessons from UK Defence operations and exercises, wargaming events, experimentation, and innovation activities. This will be conducted in accordance with relevant Defence Lessons Policies, which will be shared with Lessons Contractors during an initial mobilisation period, and using tools, primarily the Defence Lessons Identified Management System (DLIMS).

This Contract Award Notice is for the award of a public contract through an Open Procedure in accordance with the Competitive Tendering Procedures under the

Procurement Act 2023 (PA2023). In accordance with Section 7, the requirement falls within the Defence and Security Requirement derogations (e), (f) and (g) for the goods, services or works for military purposes, and services that are otherwise relevant to the operational capability, effectiveness, readiness for action, safety or security of the armed forces. Therefore, the relevant provisions of the PA 2023 relating to Defence and Security contracts are applicable.

The Lessons Contract will initially be for two (2) years at a cost of £3,048,269.71 ex VAT. If the two (2) proposed option years are taken (on a 1 year + 1 year basis), subject to affordability and approval, this may take the value to £6,531,793.57 ex VAT. The second option year is subject to indexation in accordance with the formula outlined within the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

This will be a Service based Contract, with a security classification of up to and including SECRET. Further security requirements were detailed during the tender process as part of ITT.

The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is High (Reference – RAR 250605A01)

TUPE provisions were outlined within the ITT.

A UK1 Pipeline notice was published under Notice Reference 2025/S 000-026958.

A UK4 Tender notice was published under Notice Reference 2025/S 000-034026.

Contract 1. 714600450 - Lessons

Supplier

- Mass Consultants Ltd

Contract value

- £6,531,793.57 excluding VAT
- £7,838,152.28 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

8 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

8 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 17 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 February 2026 to 6 February 2028
- Possible extension to 6 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

1 + 1 year option periods

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Two Optional Extension Years are included and may be invoked on Authority request on a one year plus one year basis.(1+1)

CPV classifications

- 79994000 - Contract administration services
- 80511000 - Staff training services

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [Engage Technical Solutions Ltd](#)
 - [GRANT THORNTON UK LLP](#)
 - [QINETIQ TRAINING AND SIMULATION LIMITED](#)
 - [WHITETREE GROUP LTD](#)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Suppliers

Engage Technical Solutions Ltd

- Companies House: 07825541

Units 1 and 4, Forest Gate

Chippenham, Wiltshire

SN15 3RS

United Kingdom

Region: UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

GRANT THORNTON UK LLP

- Companies House: OC307742

8 Finsbury Circus

London

EC2M 7EA

United Kingdom

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Mass Consultants Ltd

- Companies House: 01705804

Enterprise House, Great North Road, Little Paxton, St Neots

Cambridgeshire

PE19 6BN

United Kingdom

Email: contact@mass.co.uk

Website: <http://www.mass.co.uk/>

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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QINETIQ TRAINING AND SIMULATION LIMITED

- Companies House: 02250553

Cody Technology Park, Ively Road

Farnborough

GU14 0LX

United Kingdom

Region: UKJ37 - North Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

WHITETREE GROUP LTD

- Companies House: 11365046

1 New Street, Somerset

Wells

BA5 2LA

United Kingdom

Region: UKK23 - Somerset

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

Faringdon Road

Shrivenham

SN6 8LA

United Kingdom

Email: UKStratCom-Comrcl-JFD@mod.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government