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Provision of Defence Aviation Conflict Awareness Planning Tool

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

20251219-DACAPT

Description

The Provision of Defence Aviation Conflict Awareness Planning Tool.

Contract 1. Provision of Defence Aviation Conflict Awareness Planning Tool

Supplier

- BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED

Contract value

- £3,162,045 excluding VAT
- £3,794,454 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 February 2026 to 17 February 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional 6 month option period being priced. To be used if replacement requirement is not sufficiently mature by Contract end date.

CPV classifications

- 72212781 - System management software development services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

N/A

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The Authority intends to enter a direct award contract in accordance with Schedule 5, paragraph 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 as competition is absent due to the ownership of intellectual property rights.

BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd, the incumbent supplier, hold the patent (ref EP2561500) to the CADS system. The service is proprietary and only the incumbent supplier holds the Intellectual property rights and technical capability. Given the breadth of the patent, it is not credible for the market to design around it. While the patent is in force in the UK, the Authority cannot compete this capability without the agreement of the Patent Proprietor, and this has not been granted. Therefore, BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd are currently the only supplier who can continue to deliver the flight deconfliction service.

Immediate continuation of service maintains operational capability critical in the maintenance of air safety and mission planning.

Supplier

BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Provision of Defence Aviation Confliction Awareness Planning Tool

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

