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## **Procurement and Support of installation of Link 16 Joint Tactical Radio System Mobile Crates**

Ministry of Defence, ISTAR, Situational Awareness Command and Control (SACC) Delivery Team

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Procurement and Support of installation of Link 16 Joint Tactical Radio System Mobile Crates

Reference number

SACC/00077

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35712000 - Tactical command, control and communication systems

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Secretary of State for Defence intends to award a contract to Viasat UK Ltd for the provision of quantity ten Link 16 Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Mobile Crates, for the T45 and QEC platforms under the Maritime Multi-Link (MML) Project. This is the only product currently on the market that meets both the technical requirement and access size restrictions of both the T45 and QEC platforms, mitigating the need to cut metal and reducing the risk of installation.

The Cyber Risk profile is Very Low. The reference for the RA is: RAR-J9K6MBSB.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 35712000 - Tactical command, control and communication systems

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Main site or place of performance

South Hampshire.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

It is considered that this contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

Viasat Ltd is the only company which can produce a commercially available Link 16 JTRS Mobile Crate which will allow full integration of the new Link 16 JTRS terminal, introduced under the revised Theatre Entry Standard (TES) 2022 mandate by the US for use of Link 16 encrypted communications. This Mobile Crate has been designed specifically to house the new JTRS terminals with consideration to integration requirements such as specific ITAR cabling and ancillaries access. The Mobile Crate is already in use at Portsdown Technology Park (PTP) and has proven assurance test schedules and scripts which will de-risk testing of the modernised MML solution.

Only Viasat hold the proprietary technical documentation and knowledge coupled with experience of military tactical data links and all associated systems necessary to provide technical advice to the authority for the fitting of the Link 16 JTRS Mobile crates onto the platforms during the common support model business process 10.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

SACC/00077

### **Title**

Procurement and Support for Installation of Link 16 JTRS Mobile Crates

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 December 2020

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](#) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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