

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Parachutes**  
**OJ S 24/2020 04/02/2020**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support, C17 Command Support and Airborne Equipment Project Team (CSAE PT)

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Main address: <https://www.contracts.mod.uk>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.5. Main activity**

Defence

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Provision of Spares for ADE, AFE and HUSLE

Reference number: C17CSAE/700007870

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

39523000 Parachutes

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

Contract for the Provision of Airborne Equipment and Helicopter Underslung Load Equipment (HUSLE) equipment types. The parachute equipment required includes specific parachute packing spares for both Airborne Delivery Equipment (ADE) stores parachutes and Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE)

**II.1.6.**

## Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

### II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 4 000 000,00 GBP

## II.2. Description

### II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKK11 Bristol, City of

Main site or place of performance: Bristol, City of.

### II.2.4. Description of the procurement

This is a contract for the procurement only of spares and capital items in order to maintain fleet availability for the Airborne Equipment and Helicopter Under Slung Load Equipment (HUSLE) equipment types, Airborne Delivery Equipment (ADE) stores parachutes and Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE) personnel parachutes.

### 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

### II.2.14. Additional information

## Section IV: Procedure

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### IV.1. Description

#### IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

IrvinGQ, formerly Airborne Systems Ltd, is the Design organisation (DO) for the Airborne Equipment and Helicopter Under Slung Load Equipment (HUSLE) equipment types and through extant and previous contracts is responsible for their associated Post design services (PDS), and the parachute packing and repair support services. The parachute equipment required includes specific parachute packing spares for both Airborne Delivery Equipment (ADE) stores parachutes and Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE) personnel parachutes. Without a contract placed for procurement of the items required, these capabilities would cease to be available to the UK Armed Forces, including National Standby capabilities. Our intention is to place a one-off contract for the procurement only of spares and Capital items in order to maintain fleet availability until a longer term contract is in place.

Parachute packing is contracted to the Airborne Forces Parachute Servicing Unit (AFPSU) branch of IrvinGQ under the Parachute Equipment Support Contract (PESC) which was awarded through competition, and is a spares-exclusive contract. Before PESC, parachute packing was contracted to AFPSU in a spares-inclusive contract, where IrvinGQ (AFPSU) procured the parachute packing spares (such as cords and threads) for their own use. The same specific types of spares still need to be used for parachute packing in order to ensure that the physical configuration control of the parachute system is maintained as underwritten by the parachute Design organisation. IrvinGQ therefore have end-to-end knowledge of the design and usage of parachutes and are uniquely equipped to meet the requirement for this one-off purchase contract to provide more of the same parachute items that they have previously provided and currently use for parachuting packing.

The design and engineering drawings are subject to copyright, which vests in the contractor. The authority has not secured rights in this documentation, where it was delivered, to pass to a third party. This means that a third party could not replicate the equipment types with certainty, and the authority could not accurately specify the equipment types to advertise in a competition. As the Design organisation (DO) only IrvinGQ has the expertise to complete this Statement of Requirement (SoR) and they are therefore the sole entity under technical grounds. For the specific parachute equipment to be procured under this contract, safety engineers within the C17CSAE DT, including the TAA, do not consider that the parachute performance characteristics pertaining to their safe operation could be derived from analysis of the equipment. MOD safety authorities would therefore not have sufficient confidence in the quality of advice that could be provided by anyone other than the original designer of the parachute system.

#### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

#### **IV.2. Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

#### **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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**Contract No:** C17CSAE/700007870

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

#### **V.2. Award of contract**

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

16/12/2019

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

##### **V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: IrvinGQ

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Town: Bridgend  
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Telephone: +44 1656727013  
The contractor is an SME: no

#### **V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Total value of the contract/lot: 4 000 000,00 GBP

#### **V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **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**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Air Support, C17 Command Support and Airborne Equipment Project Team (CSAE PT)

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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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**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

31/01/2020