

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Weapons, ammunition and associated parts**  
**OJ S 98/2018 25/05/2018**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)

Postal address: Elm 3c, NH4 #4325, MOD Abbey Wood

Town: Bristol

NUTS code: UKK11 Bristol, City of

Postal code: BS34 8JH

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**Internet address(es):**

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

**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**

Combined Support Services

Reference number: SSP/00166

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

35300000 Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

A contract is required for the combined supply, repair and support services for the L111A1 Heavy Machine Gun, the L110A3 Light Machine Gun, the L130A1 7,62 mm Light Machine Gun, the L10A2 General Purpose Machine Gun mount, the PAC24 General Purpose Machine Gun mounts, the 81 mm mortar ancillaries, and all associated spares and special tools and test equipment for an initial term of 3-years, with an option to extend for a further 1-year.

This includes a requirement to act as a Design Authority and provide Post Design Services to underwrite that any changes or modifications do not compromise the operational performance of the weapon, or invalidate the Safety Case for the weapon systems.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 400 000,00 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**

Procurement of Supply, Repair and Support Services.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Knowledge / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

Option to provide an additional 1-year, covering the supply of items required in the contract.

#### **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:

The Authority intends to place a 3-year contract (with the option to extend for a further 1-year) with FNH UK Ltd for the provision of combined support and supply services for the in-service fleet of machine guns.

It is considered that this Contract can be placed directly with FNH UK Ltd using the Negotiated Procedure with Prior Publication 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 and safety reasons. FNH UK Ltd (previously Manroy Engineering Ltd) are the Design

Authority and current supplier of these weapon systems. No other supplier has access to the technical data, proprietary information, knowledge and experience, required to provide the support required as Design Authority, and underwrite the integrity of any modifications or changes to the weapon systems.

It would take another economic operator a disproportionate amount of time to become sufficiently qualified to undertake the requirement and to be able to provide the requisite assurances that alternatively produced weapon systems could be safely and reliably used with the existing systems and ancillaries. The qualification programme required to provide such assurances is a lengthy and complicated process and would mean that identifying another economic operator would invite substantial risks to the safe functioning of the Armed Forces and the interoperability of parts within the weapon systems.

It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication 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 and safety reasons.

#### **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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 096-190600](#)

##### **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:** SSP/00166

**Title:**

Combined Support Services Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

23/05/2018

##### **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: FNH UK Limited

Postal address: Phoenix House, Slade Green Road, Erith

Town: Kent

NUTS code: UKJ4 Kent

Postal code: DA8 2HU

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Internet address: [www.fnhuk.com](http://www.fnhuk.com)  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 240 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 400 000,00 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, Land Equipment, Dismounted Close Combat (DCC)  
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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**

24/05/2018