

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Defence services**  
**OJ S 95/2020 15/05/2020**  
**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, Other  
Postal address: DE&S, VDM PT, Elm 2C, NH4, #4240 MOD Abbey Wood South  
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Telephone: +44 3067934486  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <https://des.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**

Protector Remote Weapon Stations (RWS) System Post Design Services (PDS) Support  
Reference number: 700008882

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

75220000 Defence services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

A 3-year plus 2 option years' contract covering core and non-core (Tasking) post design services support for the protector remote weapon stations system.

**II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.1.7.**

## **Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 GBP

### **II.2. Description**

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

NUTS code: UKM82 Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance: Glasgow City.

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

A 3-year contract for core and non-core post design services (PDS) support plus options for a further 2 years' PDS support covering the protector remote weapon stations (RWS) system.

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

Price

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

Firm price contract extension options for two further annual periods beyond the initial 3-year contract duration are available to be exercised within 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**

The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is very low (Reference RAR-REMT47X5).

## **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 Turret Systems (TS) team within the DE&S vehicle demonstration and manufacture (VDM) project team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence ('MoD'), intends to award a contract for 3 years with 2 further option years to Thales UK Ltd to cover post design services for the protector family of remote weapon stations (RWS) currently fitted to various wheeled platforms. This contract will replace the existing protector RWS PDS contract No AVPI SP /00009 awarded to Thales UK Ltd in Sep-14 and which is due to expire on 31 March 2020. 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 UK Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

This is because Thales UK Ltd has the necessary access to the OEM design and technical documentation relating to the RWS Systems and their associated optics together with the platform integration data and associated safety approvals for the armoured vehicle that it is fitted to. Further, Thales has developed the approved safety-critical protector platform configuration (PPC) software enabling SQEP support to be provided to the protector RWS safety panels. No other economic operator would be able to fulfil these requirements without introducing a high level of project risk to the integration, operational, supportability and safety aspects of the requirement, all of which would not be acceptable for the safe operation of the protector RWS products used by UK armed forces.

#### **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: [2019/S 192-467632](#)

#### **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:** 700008882

**Title:**

Provision of Post Design Services for Protector Remote Weapon Stations System

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

30/04/2020

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

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

Official name: Thales

Postal address: Land and Air Systems, 350 Longwater Avenue, Green Park

Town: Reading

NUTS code: UKJ11 Berkshire

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Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [nicki.osborne@uk.thalesgroup.com](mailto:nicki.osborne@uk.thalesgroup.com)

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The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 2 000 000,00 GBP

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

The contract is likely to be subcontracted Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties Proportion: 40 % Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted: Elements of Technical and Logistic Support relating to the RWS System

### **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, Other

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

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Other

Postal address: Abbey Wood

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS34 8JH

Country: United Kingdom

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

13/05/2020