

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Armoured military vehicles**  
**OJ S 241/2017 15/12/2017**  
**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, Land Equipment, Other

Postal address: Abbey Wood

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NUTS code: UKK South West (England)

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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**

Challenger II Thermal imaging sustainment project.

Reference number: AVPISP/00113

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

35410000 Armoured military vehicles

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

See Section II.2.4) Description of the Procurement.

Please note, the Contract award values are provisional and a contract has not yet been awarded.

**II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 15 414 331,00 GBP

## **II.2. Description**

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

NUTS code: UKG21 Telford and Wrekin

Main site or place of performance: Telford and Wrekin.

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

The Thermal Imaging System (TIS) within the Challenger II Main Battle Tank (MBT) provides both the gunner and the commander with a dual magnification thermal picture with a superimposed aiming mark.

The TI System will suffer critical obsolescence with current estimates indicating that the Challenger II fleet will be impacted between 2018 and 2023. Whilst there is a parallel project (Challenger II Life Extension Project) scheduled to deliver in 2023 to solve this and a number of other obsolescence issues, it is forecasted that obsolescence issues in the TI System will impact prior to this date. Therefore an interim solution is required to sustain the Thermal Imaging capability until any future replacement is delivered into service.

### **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:

The Armoured Vehicles Programme In-Service Platforms Team, part of the Ministry of Defence, intends to place a contract with \*BAE Global Combat Systems\* for the Demonstration and Manufacture of an interim modification to the Challenger 2 Thermal Imaging System.

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 UK Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011) for technical reasons.

Only \*BAE Global Combat Systems\*, as the Design Authority for the Challenger II platform, have access to the technical information, expertise, and know-how necessary to provide the modification. If a third party were to carry out this work, there would be a delay delivering this requirement due to the disproportionate time it would take to qualify and implement a new TI system.

There is a strict technical impracticality for a supplier other than BAES to fulfil the activity associated with Proving Trials and the updating and approval of the Platform Safety Case within the required timescales and to the necessary standard. In turn, it will also mitigate any delays to the programme that would otherwise result in an inherent safety risk and consequently lead to a dramatic reduction in both Platform capability and availability.

#### **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:** AVPISP/00113

**Title:**

Challenger II Thermal imaging sustainment project.

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

10/11/2017

##### **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: BAE SYSTEMS Global Combat Systems Ltd. (BAES)

Postal address: Hadley Castle Works, PO Box 106

Town: Telford

NUTS code: UKG21 Telford and Wrekin

Postal code: TF1 6QW

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 15 414 331,00 GBP

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##### **V.2.5.**

### **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted:

Supply of Thermal imaging hardware.

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The contractor is an SME: no

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

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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

Town: Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

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

12/12/2017