

# **Contract award notice**

## **Results of the procurement procedure**

### **Directive 2014/24/EU**

#### **Section I: Contracting authority.**

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

Cheshire Fire Authority

N/A

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##### **Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/33132>

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

Body governed by public law

##### **I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

#### **Section II: Object**

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

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

VMDS Mobile Gateway and AIUS

Reference number: CPA/SPU/994F

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

72261000 - Software support services

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

Services

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

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Airbus Defence and Space Ltd has granted Cheshire Fire Authority a licence to continue to use the software for a further three [3] years. Under the licence terms only Airbus Defence and Space Ltd has access to the software source codes to provide the required ongoing support and maintenance. It is therefore the intention to award a contract to Airbus Defence and Space Ltd under a VEAT notice, in accordance with section 32 b) ii of the Procurement Contract Regulations 2015.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 300000.00 GBP

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

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

72261000 - Software support services

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

Main site or place of performance:

CW7 2UA

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

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

Criteria below

Cost criterion - Name: price / Weighting: 100

##### 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

## **Section IV: Procedure**

#### 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the directive

Explanation

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The MDTs were manufactured by Infoterra Ltd who also provided the 'VMDS, VMDS Comms, Gateway, GPS, AIUS, CMS, Officer Radios and Crash Recovery System' software under their trading name of Astrium. They provided the software licences and initial Support and Maintenance of the system. Astrium was part of EADS (European Aeronautic Defence and Space) and Airbus

Defence and Space Ltd was formed during the corporate restructuring of EADS. Airbus Defence and Space Ltd now own the IPR for this software and issue the annual licence for use of the system to Cheshire Fire Authority, which includes support and maintenance.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement : yes

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No: 1**

**Title: Software Licences, Support and Maintenance of 'VMDS, VMDS Comms, Gateway, GPS, AIUS, CMS, Officer Radios and Crash Recovery System**

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

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

14/12/2020

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

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

Airbus Defence and Space Ltd  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE3 3AF  
UK

The contractor is an SME : no

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 300000.00 GBP

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court  
Manchester  
UK

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