**VOLUNTARY TRANSPARENCY NOTICE (VTN) TO PROCEED SINGLE SOURCE FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE END TO END TESTING IN SERVICE SUPPORT.**

The Defence Equipment and Support (‘DE&S’), Air Platform Systems team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence (‘MoD’) intends to award a Contract to Leonardo UK Ltd to put in place a formal contractual agreement for In-Service Support and ad-hoc Tasking covering Electronic Warfare End to End Test (ETET) Sets for various Aircraft Platforms. Leonardo UK Ltd are the design organisation and OEM for ETET. In addition, they retain the engineering drawings, designs and associated documentation to which the MoD has no rights of access. As such Leonardo UK Ltd are the only economic operator with the technical know-how and expertise to deliver the requirements of the contract. The authority has determined this Single Source contract is excluded from Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations 2011 under regulation 7(1)(a) in conjunction with regulation 6(3A)(a).