

### Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Select Directive	Common notices
Section I: Contracting authority/entity:	
I.1) Name and addresses (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure):	
Official name:	Ministry of Defence
Town:	Northwood Headquarters
NUTS code:	UK
Postal code:	HA6 3HP
Country:	United Kingdom
E-mail:	beverley.finch679@mod.gov.uk
Main address: (URL)	www.mod.gov.uk
I.4) Type of the contracting authority:	
(in the case of a notice published by a contracting authority)	Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions
I.5) Main activity:	
(in the case of a notice published by a contracting authority)	Defence
I.6) Main activity:	
Section II: Object	
II.1) Scope of the procurement	
II.1.1) Title:	
Value of the field:	701553584 – The Provision of Welfare Wi-Fi Services at Al Udeid Airbase
II.1.2) Main CPV code:	
Select an option:	72400000
II.1.3) Type of contract:	
Select an option:	Services
II.1.4) Short description:	
Value of the field:	The Ministry of Defence seeks to place a contract for welfare internet Wi-Fi Services for the UK Armed Forces at Al Udeid Airbase.
II.1.6) Information about lots	
This contract is divided into lots:	no
II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)	
(for framework agreements – total maximum value for their entire duration) (for dynamic purchasing systems – value of contract(s) not included in previous contract award notices) (for contracts based on framework agreements, if required – value of contract(s) not included in previous contract award notices)	
Value: (Please give the total value of the procurement. For information about individual contracts, please use section V)	285672.30
Currency:	Pound sterling
II.2) Description:	
II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s):	
II.2.3) Place of performance	
NUTS code:	QA
II.2.4) Description of the procurement:	
(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)	The Ministry of Defence seeks to place a contract for welfare internet Wi-Fi Services for the UK Armed Forces at Al Udeid Airbase.

II.2.5) Award criteria		
	Criterion: (award criteria should be given in descending order of importance)	
Quality criterion		Name
Cost criterion / Price:	Price	
		Name
		Name
II.2.11) Information about options		
Options	yes	
Description of options:	One (1) year + One (1) Option year + One (1) Option Year	
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		
IV.1) Description		
IV.1.1) Type of procedure		
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(please complete Annex D):	Negotiated procedure without prior publication (in accordance with Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU)	

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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
Section V: Award of contract	1
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V.2) Award of contract	
V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract	
(dd/mm/yyyy)	22/04/2021
V.2.2) Information about tenders	
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators:	no
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor	
Official name:	Babylon Telecommunications Inc
Postal address:	148 W State Street, Suite 105,
Town:	Kennett Square
NUTS code:	US
Postal code:	PA 19348
Country:	United States
The contractor is an SME:	no
V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT) (for framework agreements – total maximum value for this lot) (for contracts based on framework agreements, if required – value of contract(s) for this lot not included in previous contract award notices)	
Total value of the contract/lot/concession:	285672.30
Currency:	Pound sterling
V.2.5) Information about subcontracting	
Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties	
Section VI: Complementary information	
VI.3) Additional information	
VI.4) Procedures for review	
VI.4.1) Review body	
Official name:	PJHQ Commercial
Town:	Northwood Headquarters
Postal code:	HA6 3HP
Country:	United Kingdom
VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures	
VI.4.3) Review procedure	
VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained	
VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice	
(dd/mm/yyyy):	24/04/2021
Annex D4 – Concession	
Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union	
Concession notices	
1. Justification for the award of the concession without publication of a concession notice in accordance with Article 31(4) and (5) of Directive 2014/23/EU	
2. Other justification for the award of the concession without prior publication of a concession notice in the Official Journal of the European Union	
Annex D1 – General procurement	
Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union	

Common notices	
1. Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a call for competition in accordance with Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU	
Annex D2 – Utilities	
Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union	
Utilities notices	
1. Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a call for competition in accordance with Article 50 of Directive 2014/25/EU	
Annex D3 – Defence and security	
Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union	
Defence and security notices	
1. Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without publication of a call for competition in accordance with Article 28 of Directive 2009/81/EC	
The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:	protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights
2. Other justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union	
3. Explanation	
Please explain in a clear and comprehensive manner why the award of the contract without prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union is lawful, by stating the relevant facts and, as appropriate, the conclusions of law in accordance with the directive: (500 words maximum)	The Authority intends to award a one year contract with option years (1 year + 1 Option year + 1 Option Year) to Babylon Telecommunications Inc to provide welfare internet Wi-Fi Services to the UK Armed Forces. It is considered that the contract can be placed using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for technical reasons. This is on the basis that only, as the Babylon Telecommunications Inc (a) have the required access to the infrastructure needed to carry out these services.