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Dear

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2015 requesting the following information:

"I write on behalf of Signature Flight Support UK Regions Ltd. in relation to the RAF Northolt Premier Passenger Service tender issued by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation on 31 March 2015 (the "Tender").

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information, whether contained in documents or recorded in any other form, regarding the Tender:

1. Details of the identities of all of the tenderers who responded to Invitation to Tender issued on 31 March 2015 in connection with the Tender (the "Bidders") and details of their respective:

a. Financial Proposals, Rent proposals, including price breakdowns under their responses to the Invitation to Tender issued on 31 March 2015 in connection with the Tender (the "ITT");

b. Rankings and scorecards against the bid valuation criteria for the Tender;

2. All Notice of Award Decisions and enclosed "Annex A - Bidder Feedback" schedules sent to the Bidders in hard copy or electronically in connection with the Tender (including any annexes and supplements thereto, in any format);

and

3. The definitive contract or agreed form draft of the contract with London City Airport Jet Centre Ltd. in relation to the licence which was the subject of the Tender. "

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Details of these can be found detailed below:

1. In relation to question 1 (not including a & b) we can advise that the companies who responded to the invitation to tender were as follows:

London City Airport Jet Centre Ltd
Execujet UK Ltd
Signature BBA Aviation
Stobart Executive Handling
Regional and City Airport
The London Heliport Ltd
Harrods Aviation Ltd

- 1a. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at section 43 (Commercial).

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing any details and for these reasons I have set the level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at the higher level of "would" rather than "would be likely to".

- 1b. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. In particular, it would be useful to know specific details of what information you require in regard to the rankings and scorecards against the bid valuation criteria of the tender.

Once you have clarified your request, by emailing the address at the top of this letter, or by post via the address also at the top of the letter, I will be pleased to consider it again.

2. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at section 43 (Commercial).

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3. This information falls entirely within the scope of Section 21 (Information accessible to applicant by other means) You may find it helpful to note that a copy of the license to use the facilities was included in the original Tender documents disclosed to all bidders listed above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact DIO Secretariat in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review

by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat