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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received on 25 May 2016. You asked:

...in relation to a contract you awarded.

Contract title: Whole aircraft charter to move passengers between North America and the UK

Award notice: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/60a11ec6-bf2e-41cf-b088-218c1d2a7f07>

Publication date of the award: 29/10/2015

...I wish to receive the following information: A copy of the list of bidders at PQQ and/or tender stage (company names) and the tender stage scorecard for all bidders (including winner)

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

There was no list of successful tenderers at the PQQ stage and no scorecards.

The contract was let from a list of bidders that had already qualified to be included within a Passenger Framework Agreement (PFA). The requirement set out under the contract for Whole Aircraft Charter to move passengers between North America and the UK, was competed between those bidders. Responses received were evaluated and the lowest priced technically compliant proposal was selected. The companies within the agreement that provided a proposal for this contract were:

Air Charter Service PLC
Air Partner PLC
Chapman Freeborn Airchartering Ltd
Skytrail Aviation Limited

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the PFA was competitively tendered in 2012. The PFA allows quick access into the aircraft charter market when there are not enough military assets to perform flights in support of exercise or operations. All contracts under the Framework are competed for through mini-competitions which follow the Official Journal of the European Community principles under the Restricted Procedure, where all suppliers under the Framework are given the opportunity to bid for work. This provides on-going competition and value for money for the MOD. The PFA (which is regularly renewed) allows the suppliers repeated opportunities to secure MOD business although there is no guarantee of work after achieving a place on the Framework.

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 me 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



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