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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 28 April 2021 requesting the following information:

"I would like to make a freedom of information request.

I am doing a research project investigating call-off contracts in the public sector. I have identified some potential call-off contracts awarded by the UK Hydrographic Office, but I can't find details of the framework agreement they were awarded from.

I have attached an Excel file that contains the information I am looking at. The last two columns ("Title of Framework used" and "TED or CF url") is where I am missing information - please could you fill these in with the title of the forward agreement award notice and a TED or Contracts Finder url where I may find this. If the call off is through a framework with multiple versions (e.g. G Cloud, Digital Outcomes and Specialists), please specify which iteration of the framework was used.

I have provided the title, description, award date, supplier(s) awarded, details of the email contact from the notice, the value of the contract and procedure type used to award each potential call-off as well as a url link to the call-off in question and unique reference ID for each potential call-off. Please let me know if there is anything else you need to complete the request.

I have organised the information by the date the contract was awarded. If you do not feel like this request could be completed in good time, please could you work down the list and do as much of a subset as you can?

Could you please give me a reference number with this request?"

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 UKHO and I can confirm some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found attached at Annex A, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Sections 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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, Ground 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,

UKHO Secretariat