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Planning

AI Project Delivery & Development

Office for Students

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Scope

Reference

PRN2477

Description

The Data team in the Office for Students works as an enabler to the whole organisation providing insight and data as well as collecting and assuring data from higher education providers and supporting internal processes with automation and data visualisation. We have identified internal processes that can be transformed with AI and automation. Making use of our data platform (Azure and Databricks) we can provide significant time savings and improve process consistency. Development and exploitation of the platform will be key deliverables of this contract, as well as upskilling Data colleagues.

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Total value (estimated)

- £833,333 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 15 March 2027
- Possible extension to 15 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 December 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

The OfS completed pre-market engagement with four suppliers prior to the release of tender. This was used to understand the market and to determine high level requirements. All detail received by these suppliers has been included in the tender documents (including the document released under NDA).

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government