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Tender

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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<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-Software-programming-and-consultancy-services./P2BT783T35>

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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

Description of possible extension:

The approximate value of the 12 month extension period, if taken up, will be £200,000. This is allowing for delivered initiatives to embed and mature.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

28 January 2026, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/P2BT783T35>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	70%
Price	Price	Price	20%
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Office for Students

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYZM-6681-RPZP

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government