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Award

## Centre for AI Measurement

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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## Scope

## Description

Establishing a new Centre for AI Measurement. The Centre will host a programme of work to:

- a) Establish a centre of excellence focussed on enabling and accelerating the creation of new testing and evaluation tools for AI systems (the Centre for AI Measurement).
- b) Create a programme of research and development on good practice, evaluation and performance measures for AI systems, with a focus on highly capable AI systems.
- c) Support industry in developing, validating and verifying new products and services for AI assurance.
- d) Coordinate knowledge sharing and communication within the AI assurance sector, those furthering the science of measurement with regard to AI, and international partners.

## **Contract 1. Centre for AI Measurement**

### **Supplier**

- National Physical Laboratory Limited

### **Contract value**

- £10,500,000 excluding VAT
- £12,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

19 January 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct award is justified under Procurement Regulations 24, Schedule 5, point 6, due to the absence of competition for technical reasons and the lack of reasonable alternatives.

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## **Supplier**

**National Physical Laboratory Limited**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDB-8862-JBYM

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Region: UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Science, Innovation & Technology**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government