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

### **Supplier**

- NPL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

### **Contract value**

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

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

7 January 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 16 January 2026
- 8 working days

### **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

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

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## **Supplier**

### **NPL MANAGEMENT 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

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: 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