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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

- 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

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

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

Contract 1. Centre for AI Measurement

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government