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## **UKRI-5616 Quantum Technology Access Programme**

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

UKRI-5616

### **Description**

The NQCC intends to sponsor Digital Catapult's Quantum Technology Access Programme (QTAP) which they have successfully developed and run for two years running. The QTAP is a structured training and innovation programme that allows participating organisations to learn about how to program quantum computers, and experiment with use cases that are of strategic interest to them through testing solutions on real quantum hardware. The Digital Catapult has developed and run this programme in conjunction with technology from Orca Computing, a UK-headquartered company.

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## **Contract 1. UKRI-5616 Quantum Technology Access Programme**

### **Supplier**

- DIGITAL CATAPULT

### **Contract value**

- £330,000 excluding VAT
- £396,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

19 January 2026

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

- 20 January 2026 to 19 January 2027
- 1 year

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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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 - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

The procurement is limited to a single supplier due to technical reasons and the need for compatibility with existing systems. Engaging an alternative provider would result in disproportionate technical difficulties and operational risks. Additionally, the supplier holds exclusive rights, including intellectual property protections.

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## Supplier

### **DIGITAL CATAPULT**

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Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government