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Contract

Spectrum Licensing System

Ofcom

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Scope

Reference

C20242169

Description

As part of our statutory duties Ofcom is required under the Wireless Telegraphy (WT) Act to authorise the use of spectrum by radio equipment. Unless such use of a spectrum band is explicitly exempt by regulation, use is authorised through the issuance of an appropriate spectrum license and collection of the required fees. This contract consolidates into a single contract a range of maintenance, support and development agreements for services related to Spectrum and Broadcast licensing.

Contract 1. Spectrum Licensing System

Supplier

- LS Telecom AG

Contract value

- £24,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- Possible extension to 31 December 2035
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

The extension will be exercised on the condition that the service is still required and the supplier is meeting the KPIs set out in the contract. There is one five year extension available in the contract.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Attendance at Progress Meetings in respect of Development Work	Attendance by appropriate Supplier staff at Progress Meetings as outlined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 4. Supplier attendees shall be agreed between the Parties and shall include staff with sufficient familiarity with ongoing work to contribute effectively to discussions. Target KPI - 95%	12 months
Weekly Progress Reporting in respect of Development Work	On-time submission of complete Weekly Progress Reports in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 of the contract. Target KPI - 95%	12 months
Resolution of Identified Faults	First-time resolution of Faults by the Supplier to the reasonable satisfaction of Ofcom in accordance with the time limits and procedures set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 of the contract. Target KPI - 90%	12 months

Signed contract documents

[ECM_1472 - Maintenance Services Agreement \(Ofcom _ LS\) - Agreed final form Combined - signed \(England-Lenoble\)_Redacted \(14 Jan\)_Redacted.pdf](#)

ECM_1472 - Spectrum Licensing System Redacted Contract

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

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

Ofcom intend to enter into a five-year agreement with LS Telcom AG with the option to extend the term by a further one five-year period. The agreement is being entered into on a single source basis in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Procurement Act 2023 as competition is absent for technical reasons to deliver maintenance and

operational development services for Ofcom's spectrum licensing system which is licensed by LS Telcom AG (the "System").

A direct award to LS Telcom AG is appropriate as they are the only firm that can realistically provide the services, and competition is absent for technical reasons as follows:

- A significant portion of the services, those related to maintenance, involve making change to software code that is owned by and proprietary to LS Telecom and therefore cannot reasonably be performed by other suppliers.
- Similar constraints apply to development services – no other supplier is licensed to use and develop the System. Therefore, if development services are not secured from LS Telecom an alternative spectrum management system would be required.
- The nature of the services required are highly specialised.
- With respect to development of new licence types and in particular those that are not tied to the existing LS Telcom implementation, Ofcom remains open to alternative development options. A number of simpler licences have been implemented in alternative licencing systems.

Moving to a new system would require a major new programme with sizable operational and financial risk. Such a programme would take many months to articulate and years to implement which is not practicable as the System requires regular updating in response to regulatory changes. The cost and time taken to undertake a change in Ofcom's spectrum licensing system would not offer value for money and would far exceed the cost of continuing with the System, which is working effectively.

For these reasons and because the System is not capable of being licensed / sub-licensed to other suppliers, paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 (single supplier: exclusive rights) also applies.

Supplier

LS Telcom AG

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Spectrum Licensing System

Contracting authority

Ofcom

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