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Contract

Areas of Research Interest Database

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

The Government Office for Science (GOS) is awarding a service contract for the development and maintenance of the Areas of Research Interest (ARI) database, Ari.org.uk. The database supports government departments in publishing and accessing ARI questions, primarily for external experts but also to be used by Civil Servants to improve coordination across departments.

The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract:

Section 41, Schedule 5, Paragraph 5 - Single Supplier: (a) due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

VAT is recoverable on this contract.

Contract 1. ARI Database

Supplier

- Open Policy Limited (Overton)

Contract value

- £45,000 excluding VAT
- £54,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

6 January 2026

Contract dates

- 7 January 2026 to 8 January 2029
- Possible extension to 8 January 2031
- 5 years, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

The Buyer may extend the Contract for a period of 24 months in total (in two 12-month increments) if no suitable migration solution is found for the ari.org.uk site to be built on HMG AWS.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48612000 - Database-management system

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Signed contract documents

[ARI contract_Redacted.pdf](#)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Open Policy Limited (Overton)

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London

NW1 2DA

United Kingdom

Email: support@overton.io

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

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government