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Award

Provision of industry TV audience viewing data

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Provision of industry TV audience viewing data with permission for Ofcom to publish this for any regulatory purpose.

Ofcom requires this data in order to provide evidence in its regulatory duties in relation to PSB, aspects of Comms Act responsibilities and the recent Media Act legislation.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Broadcasters Audience Research Board (BARB)

Contract value

- £1,004,445 excluding VAT
- £1,205,334 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 10 months, 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

BARB is the TV industry body responsible for producing TV audience data mainly for measuring advertising and producing a trading currency for the broadcasters. Measurement of programme/channel viewing is an associated benefit of the currency. BARB is formed and run as a non-profit by the main broadcasters and the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (IPA).

Ofcom requires the data in order to provide evidence in its regulatory duties in relation to PSB, aspects of Comms Act responsibilities and the recent Media Act legislation. There are no other suppliers of this data

Supplier

Broadcasters Audience Research Board (BARB)

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government