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Contract

## **Legal Support for GBN**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e396

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

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London

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### **Contact**

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### **Email**

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Legal Support for GBN

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Legal Support for GBN

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The contract provides Legal Support services to GBN and the GBN Sponsorship and Policy team to support delivery of the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Technology Selection Process Procurement.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

8 May 2023

End date

9 November 2026

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Legal Support for GBN

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

8 May 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Ashurst LLP

1 Duval Square, London Fruit And Wool Exchange

London

E1 6PW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £12,800,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Country

United Kingdom

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**Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

**VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

**VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

**VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

**VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The contract provides Legal Support services to GBN and the GBN Sponsorship and Policy team to support delivery of the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Technology Selection Process Procurement.

**VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

8 May 2023

End date

9 November 2026

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£12,800,000

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Ashurst LLP

1 Duval Square, London Fruit And Wool Exchange

London

E1 6PW

Country

United Kingdom

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Uplift of the contract value by £3,300,000 to allow GBN and DESNZ to continue to access services under the contract to support delivery of any CDI offer and the SMR Procurement to contract award.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Continuity of legal advice is a key dependency to achieve contract award of the SMR Procurement. Changing the provider at this stage would result in delay and

duplication of costs. This increase in contract value is permitted under PCR15 Reg 72 (b)

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £9,500,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £12,800,000