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Contract

UKRI 5505 - STFC Firewall Refresh 2025

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-060d2f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

Polaris House

Swindon, Wiltshire

SN2 1FL

Email

stfcprocurement@ukro.org

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

14697629

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ukri.org/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ukri.org/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI 5505 - STFC Firewall Refresh 2025

Reference number

UKRI 5505

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72511000 - Network management software services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

STFC are procuring, via direct award through HTE framework ICT solution 3, for the replacement Fortinet firewall hardware to extend the life of, and improve the performance of, our site firewalling to cope with the increasing volumes of scientific data that flow on / off / through our sites whilst being exposed to the ever increasing security risks faced by modern networks.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £7,228,047.54

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Previous capital investment in the same technology, providing seamless integration with existing infrastructure.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Insight Direct (UK) Ltd

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Sheffield

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Email

info@insight.com

Telephone

+44 8463333

Country

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NUTS code

- UKE32 - Sheffield

National registration number

02579852

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £7,228,047.54

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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