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Contract

Procurement for Post Cloud Licenses and Associated Support

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Procurement for Post Cloud Licenses and Associated Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48517000 - IT software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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Discussions were held with Project team to understand market and solutions that would meet the requirements. Given the requirements for a Cloud Software solution, it was felt that the use of the G-Cloud 14 framework offered the best route to market for the purchase of the Posit Service. A downselect was conducted via G-Cloud 14 (as the requirements met the scope of the contract for a Cloud Solution) in accordance with the Framework terms.

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The value of the contract is a total contract value of £1,890,382.39 (Core Period: £1,197,369 and an Optional Extension: £693,013.39 ex VAT).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £1,197,369 / Highest offer: £1,890,382.39 taken into consideration

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: Yes

Description of options

1 Year Optional Extension at maximum value of £693,013.39
(ex VAT) taking the end date to 31/03/2029 and a final value of £1,890,382.39

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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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

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

15 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

10113980

Internet address

www.jumpingrivers.com

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,197,369

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,197,369

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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