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Contract

Research to Operations (R2O2R) - University of Aberystwyth

Met Office

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Scope

Reference

DN794216

Description

The partner, University of Aberystwyth, participated in the S4 projects in the SWIMMR Programme (2019-2025). The university of Aberystwyth developed the CORTOM solar wind boundary model, feeding into the solar wind ensemble aimed at quantifying the uncertainties in CME arrival times, which can lead to large geomagnetic storms impacting a range of sectors (e.g. power grids, The University of Aberystwyth also developed the ACME automated CME detection tool as part of the same system. The models will continue to be developed as required, for transition to operation and will be effectively supported by the University of Aberystwyth.

- The collaboration between MO and the partner institution will aim to ensure the best possible resilience for the models over the long term (by seeking to retain expert support during transition to operations);

- Partner expertise and knowledge will effectively be transferred to MO to secure the transfer of the models into operation;
 - The boundaries and mechanisms for of any ongoing collaborative relationship (beyond the contract period) with the partner will be defined and any principles agreed;
 - The contract deliverables will ensure that the balance of knowledge and expertise to run, support and interpret the models and their outputs, and reliance on expertise will shift away from the partners and towards the MO for transition to operation;
 - The collaboration will take a risk-based approach to ensuring the models and model outputs are able to transition to operation.
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Contract 1

Supplier

- PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

Contract value

- £44,500 excluding VAT
- £53,400 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

26 January 2026

Contract dates

- 27 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 2 months, 5 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Met Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZW-3234-DTLY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government