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Contract

Protective Monitoring Transition and Exit

Home Office

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Scope

Reference

P_19864

Description

The 2-month continuation (plus 1-month contingency) of the current protective monitoring service using IBM QRadar for on-premises and AWS-based Buyer-owned infrastructure and applications, to allow for transition to the in-house, long-term replacement solution. An operational support team monitor, support and patch the Protective Monitoring service and QRadar components including onboarding of new log sources. A Security Operations Centre (SOC) provides analysis of alerts, carries out triage and investigation of any potential security event, and alerts the Buyer.

The monitoring service will be delivered from January 1st 2026 until March 31st 2026. An operational support team shall monitor, support and patch the Protective Monitoring service and QRadar components including onboarding of new log sources. A Security Operations Centre (SOC) shall provide analysis of alerts, carries out triage and investigation of any potential security event, and alert the Buyer.

The in-house, long-term replacement solution is in the final stages of development and governance with an anticipated go-live of Jan/Feb 2026 with the current IBM QRadar contract terminating on 31st December 2025 with no further extensions available, this short-term continuation contract is required to support transition.

Contract 1

Supplier

- IBM UK Ltd

Contract value

- £337,664.64 excluding VAT
- £405,197.57 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

13 January 2026

Contract dates

- 13 January 2026 to 30 May 2026
- 4 months, 18 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72212732 - Data security software development services

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Service levels are included. Further performance indicators not suitable for transition and exit arrangement.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

IBM is the incumbent provider of the protective monitoring service. The current contract ends on 31 December 2025, and the replacement in-house CSOC solution will not complete early life support until mid-late February 2026. Continuity of service is essential to maintain security assurance.

The time and cost of moving to an alternative supplier for a 2-3 month period would pose significant technical and financial risk. Transitioning to a new supplier would require onboarding, data conversion, and configuration, which is not feasible within the timeframe.

The current log data is in IBM's proprietary format. Converting this large volume of data to another system within the timeframe is not considered possible and in any case would require substantial resources and could compromise security monitoring during the transition.

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Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

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