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## **Environmental Observations Data Storage and Retrieval Service**

Met Office

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044872

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

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

Met Office

Fitzroy Road

EXETER

EX13PB

#### **Email**

[procurement.enquiries@metoffice.gov.uk](mailto:procurement.enquiries@metoffice.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK - South West (England)

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Environmental Observations Data Storage and Retrieval Service

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The delivery of a managed Environmental Observations Data Storage and Retrieval Service.

**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: £500,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This procurement is for the delivery of a managed Environmental Observations Data Storage and Retrieval Service.

The central component of this service is a specialised Cloud-hosted software platform to ingest, process and expose a comprehensive suite of environmental (non-NWP) weather data through the OGC Environmental Data Retrieval (EDR) API.

Observations are critical to the Met Office ability to deliver value to our customers in the Nowcasting time periods and to support validation of Numerical Weather Prediction.

In order to continue to get observations (environmental weather data) to our meteorologists and into customer products and services, the Met Office has a prerequisite to be able to expose the data in a way that meets downstream user requirements for standard protocols and formats.

To address the detailed challenges the Met Office seeks to develop an observations software platform. This will be deployable to an AWS Cloud location and will, in addition, need to manage data transfer which overcomes current Environmental Data Retrieval (EDR) API architectural constraints, inherent within the complex Met Office domain.

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

An extension option will be included in the contract.

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Met Office intends to award a contract to IBL for the provision of a managed Environmental Observations Data Storage and Retrieval Service.

IBL is the only supplier with the necessary OGC EDR standard domain knowledge and technical understanding of the existing Met Office infrastructure to deliver the requirements within the critical timescales needed to meet the strategic dependencies of downstream projects across the Met Office.

Contracting with another supplier would therefore create unacceptable delivery delay risks for providing critical observations data to Met Office customers.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 March 2024

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

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

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

IBL Software Engineering Slovakia

Bratislava

Country

Slovakia

NUTS code

- SK - Slovakia

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom