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Contract

## **Risk Protection Arrangement Cyber Risk Pilot**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Risk Protection Arrangement Cyber Risk Pilot

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66517300 - Risk management insurance services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Further to the F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice published on the 2nd February 2021 DfE has awarded a one-year contract to The IASME Consortium Ltd (IASME) to deliver a Cyber Essentials Certification pilot. The contract commenced on 29th March 2021 and is due to run until 31st March 2022.

**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: £262,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72810000 - Computer audit services
- 80531200 - Technical training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The contract will focus on the delivery of the Cyber Essentials Certification in a limited 1-year pilot for up to 500 Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) members' networks and will include enhanced insurance cover for those members achieving accreditation.

#### **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

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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:

The DfE proposes to award a contract to The IASME Consortium Ltd (IASME) for the supply of the Cyber Essentials Certification as part of the 1-year Risk Protection Arrangement Cyber Risk Pilot.

The DfE believes that there is no other organisation in the market that can satisfy the technical requirements of the contract to award the Cyber Essentials Certification. With effect from 1 April 2020 and following a competitive procurement process, IASME were appointed as the sole body able to award Cyber Essentials Certification, the only government-backed quality assured standard, on behalf of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). It is understood that there is no equivalent certification to the Cyber Essentials scheme available on the market that meets the standards and controls that the NCSC dictates.

It is therefore believed that there is not a market to deliver Cyber Essentials, in that there is only one Cyber Essentials Partner (IASME) that can deliver the scheme and to fit the standards required by the NCSC. The RPA seeks to align to the NCSC assured and established standard, as the subject matter experts within Government to ensure a quality standard for RPA members.

As a result, the DfE believes that Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Regulation 32(2) applies.

Regulation 32(2) states:

“The negotiated procedures without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:-

(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:-

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons...”

The DfE is committed to the continued analysis of the longer-term need of Risk Protection Arrangement members and will continue to assess the market after this time-limited pilot. If it is determined via this analysis that an equivalent certification to meet member needs is available and that the DfE intends to continue supporting Risk Protection Arrangement Members in this way, then any further contract will be competed in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. This project is to deliver a short, limited pilot that is not expected to have a long-term impact on the market.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-002105](#)

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

#### **Contract No**

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#### **Title**

Risk Protection Arrangement Cyber Risk Pilot

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 March 2021

##### **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**

THE IASME CONSORTIUM LIMITED

Wyche Innovation Centre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall

Malvern

WR13 6PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07897132

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £262,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom