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Contract

## Digital Verification Service (DVS) Register: Public Beta Phase

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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### Scope

### Reference

PRJ5912

### Description

Objectives of the DVS Register: Public Beta Phase

The main objectives of this Contract are:

1. **\*\*Deliver the Public Beta of the DVS Register\*\***

\* Develop and launch a publicly accessible register of digital identity service providers certified against the UK digital identity and attributes trust framework.

\* Ensure the register is available on GOV.UK and maintained by the Office for Digital Identities and Attributes within the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

## 2. **\*\*Collaborative Agile Delivery\*\***

\* Work in partnership between the Buyer (Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)) and the Supplier (Ernst & Young LLP (EY)), using agile methodologies (sprints, sprint planning, daily stand-ups, retrospectives, show & tells).

\* Adjust deliverables and team composition as needed throughout the 14-month public beta phase.

## 3. **\*\*Continuous Improvement and Iteration\*\***

\* Continuously improve the service based on user feedback, backlog prioritisation, and alignment with policy objectives.

\* Expand service functionality and refine the product through regular review and stakeholder engagement.

## 4. **\*\*Compliance and Standards\*\***

\* Deliver all requirements in accordance with UK government digital Design Principles, Service Standard, and Technology Code of Practice.

\* Ensure technical documentation, architecture, and operational runbooks meet criteria defined by the Buyer.

## 5. **\*\*Defined Roles and Responsibilities\*\***

\* Key personnel from both Buyer and Supplier are identified to ensure clear communication and accountability.

\* Any ad-hoc or additional deliverables will require separate SOWs or agreed variations.

## **\*\*Summary:\*\***

The contract's objectives are to deliver a robust, user-focused public beta of the DVS Register, using agile and collaborative working practices, with ongoing improvements and strict adherence to government standards. The project is structured to be flexible, responsive to change, and clearly governed by the roles and responsibilities set out in the agreement.

The public contract concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier which are intended as an extension to, or partial replacement of, existing goods, services or works in circumstances where—

(a) a change in supplier would result in the contracting authority receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and

(b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance

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## **Contract 1. Digital Verification Service (DVS) Register: Public Beta Phase**

### **Supplier**

- Ernst & Young LLP

### **Contract value**

- £833,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

15 December 2025

### **Contract dates**

- 15 December 2025 to 15 December 2025
- 1 day

## Main procurement category

Services

## CPV classifications

- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations

## Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

## Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Technical	KPI's will be agreed for each Statement of work	3 months

## Other information

## Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

### Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

Ugent continuation of services due to unforeseen circumstances

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## Supplier

### Ernst & Young LLP

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Science, Innovation & Technology**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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