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Award

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Direct Award for Expert witness services.

Maximum value for the contract is £650,000+VAT. The charges in the contract are based on day rates, so the actual spend will depend on how much work the SFO gives to the supplier.

Due to an oversight the publication for this notification has been delayed. The contract was awarded on 22nd October 2025.

Contract 1. SFO/GenCoun/AVE1/25

Supplier

- Accounting Valuation Experts LLP

Contract value

- £650,000 excluding VAT
- £780,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 February 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 1 month, 23 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKI - London
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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

SFO assessed CCS frameworks for relevant expertise but were unable to find any. In the context of urgency SFO undertook an off-framework assessment of the available persons with relevant expertise, addressing the question of conflicts, availability, and cost. SFO subsequently awarded a contact to the expert who offered best value for money.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Serious Fraud Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZLQ-7427-JMLZ

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