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Contract

## **Private Sector Partner (PSP) for the Accelerated capability Environment (ACE)**

Home Office

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

Project\_2691

### **Description**

This Tender Notice outlines the Home Offices intent to award a contract to deliver this requirement following a competitive procurement.

The Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) solves public safety and security challenges by bringing together the best of public and private sector capabilities, especially new digital and data technologies.

The Private Sector Partner requirement is for a supplier to work closely with the Authority, to act as a flexible commissioning and delivery partner with responsibility for the dynamic ecosystem and collaboration platform (physical and virtual), to deliver commissioned ACE customer requirements (challenges or problem statements) and jointly protect HMG interests.

It should be noted that the ACE capability operates across HMG and Authorities other than the Home Office may access this agreement providing there is a memorandum of understanding in place for ACE services between the Home Office and the respective HMG organisation.

Commissions may or may not be limited to public safety and security challenges. It is anticipated that the majority of services will be delivered within the United Kingdom however the Authority may require the private sector delivery partner to support international delivery if required. Annual commissions will vary during the term of the contract based upon HMG demand. Such commissions are not guaranteed and historically as per the published ACE annual reviews these have ranged from ~£29m-£49m.

Market engagement has taken place for this opportunity with engagement calls on the 18th December 2024 and 30th January 2025. A face to face session was held at the Home Office on the 4th March 2025.

Notices (025731-2024 & 035036-2024) were issued as part of transitional arrangements from PCR2015 to PA23.

The engagements provided opportunities for interested parties to understand more on ACE and the private sector partner service as well as the procurement process.

The service is required to integrate the following key functions of leadership, mission engagement, portfolio delivery and innovation and enablers. The interaction between these and the ACE team within the Home Office make this suitable to be delivered in one lot as an integrated solution. This will provide greater taxpayer value for money through efficiency and consistency in approach.

Contract value is set at £19.8m for consistency with the tender notice but the contract drives to cost neutrality for the Authority.

The duration of the initial contract term will be up to 36 months from the date of contract signature, with an option for up to two 12-month extensions making a total potential term of 60 months.

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## **Contract 1. Private Sector Partner (PSP) for the Accelerated capability Environment (ACE)**

### **Supplier**

- PA Consulting Services Limited

### **Contract value**

- £16,500,000 excluding VAT
- £19,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

8 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 8 January 2026 to 7 January 2029
- Possible extension to 7 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2x up to 12 months extension options

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

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- Provision of dedicated, longer-term Artificial Intelligence (AI) related technology and data science services, potentially through contract-compliant but separate governance processes, that could constitute some, or even all, of the functions of an "AI Lab" environment for specific customer sets.
- Run environments providing access across one or more HMG departments or agencies or to the private sector to data or software libraries (e.g. GitHub-style market-places), potentially charging for use.
- Develop and agree joint services with other innovation and technology units and partners across HM government, for example (including but not limited to) NSSIF, DASA and others.
- Support to the Authority in the commercialisation of innovations developed through ACE, under previous and new contracts.
- Support to the Authority in the development and professionalisation of innovation skills and capabilities across the Authority.

## **CPV classifications**

- 45111290 - Primary works for services

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

## Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

## Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
KP1 - Quality	Delivering high quality commission outcomes	3 months
KPI 3 (Growth)	Demonstrate ACE contribution to UK economic growth	3 months
KPI 4 (Culture)	Fostering a culture of innovation and creativity for ACE	3 months
KPI 5 - Social Value	Kickstart economic growth	3 months
KPI 2 (Finance)	Provision of Financial Information	1 months

## Signed contract documents

[00 ACE PSP - MSC - Front Sheet - v3.0.pdf](#)

[00 MSC - Core Terms -v2.2 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

[01 ACE - MSC - Schedule 1 \(Definitions\).pdf](#)

[08 ACE - MSC - Schedule 8 \(Supplier Solution\).pdf](#)

[06 ACE - MSC - Schedule 6 \(Insurance Requirements\).pdf](#)

[04 ACE - MSC - Schedule 4 \(Standards\).pdf](#)

[03 ACE - MSC - Schedule 3 \(Performance Levels\).pdf](#)

[07 ACE - MSC - Schedule 7 \(Authority Responsibilities\).pdf](#)

[09 ACE - MSC - Schedule 9 \(Implementation\).pdf](#)

[02 ACE - MSC - Schedule 2 \(Services Description\).pdf](#)

[05 ACE - MSC - Schedule 5 Security-Management-Schedule-Supplier-led-Assurance.pdf](#)

[11 Model Services Contract - Schedule 11 \(Charges and Invoicing\).pdf](#)

[12 ACE - MSC - Schedule 12 \(Payments on Termination\).pdf](#)

[13 ACE - MSC - Schedule 13 \(Benchmarking\).pdf](#)

[14 ACE - MSC - Schedule 14 \(Financial Distress\).pdf](#)

[15 ACE - MSC - Schedule 15 \(Financial Reports and Audit Reports\).pdf](#)

[16 ACE - MSC- Schedule 16 \(Anticipated Savings\).pdf](#)

[17 ACE - MSC - Schedule 17 \(Governance\).pdf](#)

[18 ACE - MSC - Schedule 18 \(Change Control Procedure\).pdf](#)

[19 ACE MSC - Schedule 19 \(Dispute Resolution Procedure\).pdf](#)

[20 ACE - MSC - Schedule 20 \(Reports and Records Provisions\).pdf](#)

[21 ACE - MSC - Schedule 21 \(Exit Management\).pdf](#)

[22 ACE - MSC - Schedule 22 \(Service Continuity Plan and Corporate Resolution Planning\).pdf](#)

[23 ACE - MSC - Schedule 23 \(Conduct of Claims\).pdf](#)

[24 ACE - MSC - Schedule 24 \(Staff Transfer\).pdf](#)

[26 ACE - MSC - Schedule 26 \(Processing Personal Data\).pdf](#)

[27 ACE - MSC - Schedule 27 \(Intellectual Property Rights\).pdf](#)

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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Supplier

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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**

### **Home Office**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government