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## **MHCLG Augmented Planning Decisions**

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Under Scope added reiteration: "The procurement has been carried out by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology for and on behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government."

Added connected people/organisations and associated people/organisations.

Added the proposed contract title "MHCLG Augmented Planning Decisions" to the Contract section.

### **Scope**

## Description

The Contracting Authority (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) seeks to develop a planning tool that enables Augmented decision making for planning applications.

The initial focus will be on householder developments (as defined in Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015) with a view to expand into further application types within

the 'other\*' category (those not classified as Major or Minor) which represent 69% of all planning applications.

The objective is to dramatically reduce planning application processing times initially targeting a reduction from upwards of 8 weeks to circa 4 weeks, with a long-term vision of near-instant decisions for straightforward applications. All reduction targets do not include elements that solutions cannot be expected to affect i.e. statutory 21-day consultation periods, site visits, neighbour notifications, external consultee responses, and committee scheduling.

Proposals will need to demonstrate understanding of the relevant parts of the planning process including administrative processes (e.g. policy research, citation generation, report generation) as well as analytical processes (e.g. material considerations identification, policy compliance assessment, planning balance evaluation, decision reasoning). Solutions should be designed to assist planning officers with the above processes and provide reasoned, verifiable recommendations for decisions. Solutions must be integrated with existing planning systems.

As part of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage, bidders will be required to participate in a two-week demo build (unpaid) to each develop a working prototype which will be evaluated at "Demo Day". This will take the form of a presentation of the prototype, and this will be evaluated in accordance with the process and award criteria set out in the ITT.

During the contract, the service recipients (i.e. those that will use the solution) may include:

DSIT MHCLG

Local Planning Authorities (317 LPAs)

Planning Inspectorate

Devolved Administrations

Combined Authorities (mayoral authorities with planning powers)

National Parks Authorities (separate planning authorities)

Broads Authority (special planning authority)

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## **Contract 1. MHCLG Augmented Planning Decisions**

### **Supplier**

- Google Cloud EMEA Limited

### **Contract value**

- £6,906,513 excluding VAT
- £8,287,815.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

5 February 2026

## **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

5 February 2026

## **Standstill period**

- End: 16 February 2026
- 7 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

17 February 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 February 2026 to 17 May 2028
- Possible extension to 17 May 2029
- 3 years, 3 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

12 months following initial Support and Grow Phase

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

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

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## Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Unsuccessful suppliers

- [AtkinsRéalis UK Limited](#)
- [Cognizant Worldwide Limited](#)
- [Endava \(UK\) Limited](#)
- [PA CONSULTING SERVICES LIMITED](#)

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## Submission

### Submission type

Requests to participate

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Suppliers

### **AtkinsRéalis UK Limited**

- Companies House: 00688424

Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road

Epsom, Surrey

KT18 5BW

United Kingdom

Region: UKJ26 - East Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

### **Cognizant Worldwide Limited**

- Companies House: 07195160

280 Bishopsgate

London

EC2M 4AG

United Kingdom

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

### **Endava (UK) Limited**

- Companies House: 03919935

125 Old Broad Street

London

EC2N 1AR

United Kingdom

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

### **Google Cloud EMEA Limited**

- Companies House: 03977902

70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin

D02 R296

Ireland

Email: [ps-frameworks@google.com](mailto:ps-frameworks@google.com)

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

<https://core.cro.ie/e-commerce/company/692859> and  
<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/03977902/officers>

Associated people/organisations:

DEEPMIND TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED 073863505 New Street Square, London, EC4A  
3TW

FACULTY SCIENCE LIMITED 08873131 Level 5 160 Old Street, London, England, EC1V  
9BW

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## **PA CONSULTING SERVICES LIMITED**

- Companies House: 00414220

10 Bressenden Place

London

SW1E 5DN

United Kingdom

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

22 Whitehall

London

SW1A 2EG

United Kingdom

Email: [cih@dsit.gov.uk](mailto:cih@dsit.gov.uk)

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government