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Contract

Ai Enabled Criminality - Legal Services

Home Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045042

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Home Office

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

Contact

Home Office Commercial Directorate

Email

Megan.Tingey@homeoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office

Buyer's address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Ai Enabled Criminality - Legal Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

HO seeking legal advice to advise on current legislation relating to Ai enabled criminality through a list of 27 questions.

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: £206,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK government wants to create the right environment to harness the benefits of Al and remain at the forefront of technological developments. That includes getting the regulation right so that innovators can thrive, and the risks posed by AI can be addressed.

The Home Office is interested in how the advances in AI will have implications for public safety, with criminal adoption of Al likely to impact the volume, nature and consequences of crime and other harmful behaviour. In particular, we have seen risks stemming from the capability of generative AI to manipulate or generate synthetic content (commonly referred to as deepfakes) which can be used to commit offences in areas like fraud. Voice cloning, text-to-image and text-to-video generative AI is of particular concern.

Home Office are commissioning a law firm to review our assessment and identify potential gaps in relation to specific criminal offences that might require legislative changes to ensure public safety.

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

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

A direct award was permitted under Legal Services (CCS) Framework RM6179 Lot 2. This Framework will allow for Direct awards based on review to determine which suppliers are capable of meeting your needs by reviewing the capability matrix. The chosen supplier had the capabilities required.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Project 867

Lot No

2

Title

Ai Enabled Criminality - Legal review

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 February 2024

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

Simmons and Simmons

Aurora, Finzels Reach, Counterslip,

Bristol

B61 6BX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

11352445

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £206,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom