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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](mailto: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

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**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 AI 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 AI 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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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