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Contract

## Centre for AI Measurement

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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## Scope

### Description

Establishing a new Centre for AI Measurement. The Centre will host a programme of work to:

- a) Establish a centre of excellence focussed on enabling and accelerating the creation of new testing and evaluation tools for AI systems (the Centre for AI Measurement).
  - b) Create a programme of research and development on good practice, evaluation and performance measures for AI systems, with a focus on highly capable AI systems.
  - c) Support industry in developing, validating and verifying new products and services for AI assurance.
  - d) Coordinate knowledge sharing and communication within the AI assurance sector, those furthering the science of measurement with regard to AI, and international partners.
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## **Contract 1. Centre for AI Measurement**

### **Supplier**

- NPL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £10,500,000 excluding VAT
- £12,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

21 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

## Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

## Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Research outputs, Social Value	Number of research outputs per year must be 3 or more, Number of collaborative R&D projects and/or industry engagement events must be 3 or more in total, Number of events and or external engagements delivered per year must be 3 or more, Number of training / outreach events (schools or SMEs or community based outreach) delivered through the programme must exceed 3 or more.	12 months

## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

### Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct award is justified under Procurement Regulations 24, Schedule 5, point 6, due to the absence of competition for technical reasons and the lack of reasonable alternatives.

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## Supplier

### **NPL MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDB-8862-JBYM

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Region: UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

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**

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

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

