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Contract

WP1874 .gov.uk Domain Name Protection

Government Digital Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Government Digital Service

The White Chapel Building, Whitechapel High Street

London

E1 8QS

Email

commissioning-digital@digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/government-digital-service>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

WP1874 .gov.uk Domain Name Protection

II.1.2) Main CPV code

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

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To build a DNS availability monitoring service for the '.gov.uk' Domain Name.

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: £310,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To build a DNS availability monitoring service for the '.gov.uk' Domain Name

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract ends on 10 December 2023. The Contract can be extended for a further 12 months or such term as agreed

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

As well as "Protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights", justification on the grounds of "Absence of competition for technical reasons" applies.

There is a natural monopoly here. The '.gov.uk' top-level delegation record can only be provided by Nominet because Nominet has the exclusive arrangement with IANA (the organisation that coordinates the Internet's globally unique identifiers) to host the higher-level '.uk' record. The availability monitoring solution must be provided under Nominet's direct control because Nominet has to integrate it into their internal systems.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2021

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

Nominet UK

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £127,110.90

Total value of the contract/lot: £310,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Minister of the Cabinet Office acting through Government Digital Service

London

Country

United Kingdom