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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](mailto: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

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## **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](https://www.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](https://www.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

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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 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](https://www.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

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## **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