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Contract

Global Talent Visa - Digital Technology Endorsing Body Services

Home Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Home Office

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1 4DF

Email

GTVDigitalEB@homeoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/home-office

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Global Talent Visa - Digital Technology Endorsing Body Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Home Office has awarded a contract for an Endorsing Body Service for persons applying through the Digital Technology route of the Global Talent Visa to assess their credibility for set criteria.

The Global Talent visa was introduced in February 2020 to replace the Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa and make the process smoother, efficient, and more attractive for exceptionally talented people to live and work in the UK.

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: £6,650,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services
- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services
- 75110000 - General public services
- 75112000 - Administrative services for business operations
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75131000 - Government services
- 75131100 - General personnel services for the government
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79132000 - Certification services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Background Information

The Secretary of State for the Home Department as part of the Crown, acting through UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) (the “Home Office”), has completed an Open Procurement Procedure under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is awarding a contract for an Endorsing Body Service for the Digital Technology pathway of the Global Talent Visa.

A three-year contract term will commence on 16th April 2025, concluding on 15th April 2028. The Contracting Authority has the option to extend the contract by two further 12-month periods, at its discretion.

UKVI is a department within the Home Office and has customers in the UK and outside of the UK who include but are not limited to:

- those seeking to extend permissions to work or study in the UK;
- those seeking to extend permissions to stay or settle with family in the UK;
- those progressing from earlier immigration permissions to British nationality

The UK has replaced freedom of movement with a comprehensive points-based immigration system that ensures we continue to be global leaders, supporting UK employers in taking advantage of the opportunities now open to them by recruiting the best and brightest global talent from around the world.

UKVI is responsible for making millions of decisions every year about who has the right to visit or stay in the country, with a firm emphasis on national security and a culture of customer satisfaction for people who come to the UK legally.

The Home Office's vision is to have a world-leading immigration service working for a safe and prosperous UK. To that end, two key missions are to deliver world-class customer service and to control migration. The Buyer's challenge is to transform services in a way that enhances customer experience and UK border security.

The Global Talent Visa is an enabler of this immigration policy. It was introduced in February 2020 to replace the Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa and make the process smoother, efficient, and more attractive for exceptionally talented people to live and work in the UK.

To qualify under the Global Talent Visa category, most applicants (excluding those that have prestigious prizes) need to be endorsed by a relevant Endorsing Body. The Endorsing Body is responsible for assessing whether an individual is internationally recognised as, or has demonstrated the potential to become, a leader in digital technology.

The Global Talent Visa application process requires individuals to make their endorsement application direct to the Home Office. This includes paying the fee and submitting information and evidence linked to their claim of exceptional talent or promise. The Home Office then send all relevant information to the Endorsing Body.

Although the endorsement application is submitted to the Home Office, the endorsing body carry out the assessment without involvement from the Home Office. If the endorsing body is satisfied that an individual is of sufficient calibre to receive endorsement, applicants are able to apply to the Home Office for a Global Talent Visa. The endorsing body is not involved in the visa part of the assessment.

Endorsing bodies also work with the Home Office to formulate, agree, publish and apply the criteria that applicants are required to meet to be considered as “exceptionally talented” or as demonstrating “exceptional promise” in the digital technology field. Due to the nature of the service, it is necessary for the Endorsing Body to be a leading expert in the Digital Technology industry.

Currently around 4,000 customers apply for endorsement per annum from across the UK and the rest of the world.

Additional information on the visa can be found here: Work in the UK as a leader in digital technology (Global Talent visa) : Overview – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Technical / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Contract_15917

Title

Contract for the Provision of Global Talent Visa – Digital Technology Endorsing Body Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Tech Nation Group Limited

Level 6, 2 Arundel Street

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08843778

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,650,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom