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Contract

Human Uplift Studies – Biological Capabilities of LLM’s (Lab Based)

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0487e2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

London

Email

iain.puddephatt@dsit.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

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

Human Uplift Studies – Biological Capabilities of LLM's (Lab Based)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (“DSIT” or the “Buyer” or “the Authority”) commissioned a Tender through RM6126 - Research and Insights DPS.

This project is to conduct:

- a short research study to quantitatively investigate how the use of LLMs can make synthetic biology accessible to non-experts.
- The Supplier should develop (in close iteration with AISI) and run a Randomized

Controlled Trial (RCT) where groups of people with varying levels of biology expertise conduct a biology task in a laboratory with the support of

- google-based internet search
- a state-of-the-art LLM
- a human expert.

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: £210,280.96

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

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:

This Opportunity was Tendered via RM6126 - Research and Insights DPS - no opportunity notice required.

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

6 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Imperial College Projects Limited

London

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £210,280.96

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

Westminster, London

Country

United Kingdom