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Award

Exploring the business case for UK public sector adoption of Earth observation data and technology

Cabinet Office

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/geospatial-commission>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Geospatial

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Exploring the business case for UK public sector adoption of Earth observation data and technology

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Investigate the breadth of demand for Earth Observation technology within the UK public sector. The Contracting Authority sought a third party to conduct research and user engagement to provide an evidence base for the establishment of the future approach to access by the UK public sector of Earth Observation/remote sensed data.

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: £29,350

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contracting Authority may extend the Contract for a period of up to 3 months by giving not less than 10 Working Days' notice in writing to the Supplier prior to the Expiry Date. The Terms and conditions of the Contract shall apply throughout any such extended period.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The explanation for a direct award to the Satellite Applications Catapult (SAC) Ltd being uniquely positioned as subject matter experts who have sector specific expertise that will be critical to the quality of the outputs and are not held elsewhere in the research market.

SAC is a research and technology innovation centre within the catapult network of organisations designed to accelerate research and take-up of new technologies in specific sectors (e.g. Satellite Applications, Connected Places, Digital, Medicines Discovery etc). SAC was formed to help organisations make use of, and benefit from, satellite technologies. They are one of the 10 catapult organisations set up as an independent organisation to assist the public sector therefore use of the catapult network represents an efficiency in public expenditure compared to procuring research services from elsewhere.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Satellite Applications Catapult Ltd

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £35,220

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Geospatial Commission

London

Country

United Kingdom