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## **SE1193B Investment Technology Implementation LOT 4**

Sport England

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

### **Scope**

### **Description**

Sport England is a lottery distributor, administering and awarding approximately £300m per annum (£100m exchequer and £200m lottery). The funds are distributed across the sport and physical activity ecosystem, a complex network of over 100,000 organisations of different sizes and types. This network of organisations provides the opportunities that already underpin the activity habits of millions of people and the athletes that progress

through talent development pathways.

Having a fit for purpose technology system for investment administration is therefore essential for Sport England to deliver its strategic ambitions and role as a funding distributor.

The technology system underpins a substantive part of Sport Englands operation, and as a result needs to balance key operating tensions including:

Strategy ambitions and stakeholder expectations: The launch and continued support for Uniting the Movement signals both the sector engagement and expectations for delivery of the strategy including ease of access to funding.

Financial operating constraints: Sport England operates within administrative constraints impacted by income. Maximising efficiency and productivity in investment will enable effective delivery within the constraints.

Government functional standards and best practice: Rightly government require standards to be achieved for grant administration including counter-fraud. Sport England has established investment management - any change must not compromise standards.

Continuity of operation and delivery: As Sport England existing commitments and necessary ambitions require delivery scale and cadence to be maintained throughout any change.

Alignment with future target operating model: Finally, any improvement in technology needs to align, and have the ability to, adapt to future operating structures and priorities.

Proof of Concept Delivery: A limited time period Proof of Concept (PoC) has recently been delivered prior to this phase. This has demonstrated the approach and functionality can be successful, and the build created will be extended to form the basis of the next phase of development. The PoC contained some limited functionality for the investment management journey in the system. It is deployed on Azure using Azure App service to manage Docker containers, database is PostgreSQL, API backend is asynchronous Python / Starlette, front end is in React with backend for frontend pattern based on Remix.

This procurement is split into four (4) Lots. Requirements are outlined by Lot below:

### 3.4 Lot 4 - Change Management Support

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

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## **Lot LOT 4. Programme**

### **Description**

- Change Management: Provide client-side resource to

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lead the implementation of our programme change strategy.

- Communications Support: Provide communications support to plan and execute key comms to stakeholders.
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## **Contract 3. SE1193B Investment Technology Implementation LOT 4**

**Lots**

Lot LOT 4. Programme

## **Supplier**

- [EMPYREAN DIGITAL LIMITED](#)

## **Contract value**

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

30 May 2025

## **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

30 May 2025

## **Standstill period**

- End: 10 June 2025
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

11 June 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 12 June 2025 to 11 June 2026
- Possible extension to 11 June 2027
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

12 MONTHS

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

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

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot LOT 4. Programme**

- 3 tenders received

- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Submission

### Submission type

Tenders

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Supplier

### EMPYREAN DIGITAL LIMITED

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Swansea

SA6 5PF

United Kingdom

Email: [kathy.clark@empyreandigital.com](mailto:kathy.clark@empyreandigital.com)

Region: UKL18 - Swansea

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

NA

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Sport England**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTWR-9348-TXMN

Loughborough Sport Park

Loughborough

LE11 3QF

United Kingdom

Email: [Procurement@SPORTENGLAND.ORG](mailto:Procurement@SPORTENGLAND.ORG)

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government