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Contract

## **Impact Assessment of Global Proliferation of AI Cyber Capabilities on National Security (Phase 1B, Month 2-3)**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040880

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

London

#### **Email**

[iain.puddephatt@dsit.gov.uk](mailto: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**

Other activity

Technical Services - AI Safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Impact Assessment of Global Proliferation of AI Cyber Capabilities on National Security  
(Phase 1B, Month 2-3)

#### **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 AI Foundation Model Taskforce (FMTF) will lay the foundations for the safe use of foundation models across the economy and ensure that the UK is at the forefront of this pivotal AI technology.

This engagement is for the development of structured foundation evaluations around cyber capabilities.

#### **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: £406,100

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

AI Safety Research Services - Link to a unique capability Trail of Bits, Inc. have.

### **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

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Award of a Contract without prior publication of a call for competition in accordance with PCR2015 Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons. The services can only be supplied by Trail of Bits, Inc. owing to technical reasons.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

18 September 2023

#### **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**

Trail of Bits, Inc.

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: £406,100

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department of Science, Innovation and Technology

London

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