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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): ocids-h6vhtk-040880

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

London

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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

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department of Science, Innovation and Technology

London

Country

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