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National Physical Laboratory

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0416cf

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

National Physical Laboratory

Hampton Road

Teddington

TW11 0LW

Contact

Gary Phillips

Email

gary.phillips@npl.co.uk

Telephone

+44 2089773222

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.npl.co.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

N/A

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Attempted Fraud Alert

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) has become aware of a fraud operation operating ostensibly under our name, targeting ICT suppliers.

Suppliers are approached usually by a man claiming to be Gary Phillips (one of our real employees) who will seek quotations for ICT equipment (high-end servers and other high-value items) which they will usually ask to be shipped to freight forwarding companies with names such as 'National Physical Laboratory Goods Receiving Center' and usually marked for the attention of a 'Jackie Brown'.

At least 40 suppliers are known to have been targeted so far.

Suppliers are advised that any email or communication purporting to be from NPL but having any domain name OTHER THAN 'npl.co.uk' is likely to be fraudulent.

Suppliers are advised to remain diligent and to question anything that looks suspicious by contacting NPL directly (contact details can be found at www.npl.co.uk) or by contacting the real Gary Phillips at gary.phillips@npl.co.uk who can confirm if any such communication came from himself.

Thank you for your diligence.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Attempted Fraud Alert - see notes above

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

8 November 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No