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Planning

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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](mailto: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](http://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

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## 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](http://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](http://www.npl.co.uk)) or by contacting the real Gary Phillips at [gary.phillips@npl.co.uk](mailto: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

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## **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