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Award

SC1B/DDSFTW114 - British Computer Society Memberships

Ministry of Defence

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Changes to notice

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

The number of OM's (Operational Memberships) has been uplifted under the 'Scope' and 'Direct Award Justification' fields as the previous number of OM's published didn't accurately reflect the requirement in its entirety. The contract value has also been updated in the 'Contract' field as a result of this.

Scope

Description

A shortage of SQEP (Suitably Qualified Experienced Personnel) still exists in GDD (Government, Digital, Data) & Cybersecurity, so the department continues to promote professional development as a beneficial, rewarding and necessary intervention. The SDR (Strategic Defence Review) has reinforced this need to professionalise the digital workforce. OM (Organisational Membership) with the BCS (British Computer Society) provides a route to professionalisation with the leading professional body for IT (Information Technology) professionals. There is no alternative supplier.

The requirement supports the HDIP (Head of Digital and Information Profession) continuing responsibility for developing Information Capability across Defence, including the alignment to government capability frameworks and industry recognised skill standards.

As a result, the HDIP would like to extend the MOD (Ministry of Defence) OM with BCS for a further 12 (twelve) months. The current contract term expires on the 31st July 2025 and if this is not extended the department will have to revert to an individual memberships model which is significantly more expensive.

There is therefore a need to extend the current OM capability for a further 12 (twelve) months at a membership level of 2,000 (two thousand). Under the contract, 1,690 (one thousand six hundred and ninety) memberships will be for DD (Defence Digital) consumption whilst the other 310 (three hundred and ten) memberships will be for DE&S (Defence, Equipment and Support) consumption.

Contract 1. DDSFTW114 - British Computer Society Memberships

Supplier

- [The British Computer Society](#)

Contract value

- £232,440 excluding VAT
- £278,928 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98100000 - Membership organisation services

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

BCS are the globally recognised British Computer Society and are the only chartered institute for IT (Information Technology) who hold a Royal Charter. There are no other professional bodies who offer the same membership support and recognised qualifications. Therefore, there are no other professional bodies that the MOD (Ministry of Defence) can approach for this service as BCS are the exclusive supplier of these specific services.

This contract renewal is to continue the service for MOD Digital professionals as part of their career pathway development with the purchase of 2,000 (two thousand) operational memberships in total. In line with wider Defence objections, the MOD are committed to supporting the 1 in 10 (one in ten) professionals being in a digital role and working with

BCS to provide networking, specialist interest groups, recognised industry standard, CDP (Continuous Professional Development) and maintaining currency in qualifications. Under the contract, 1,690 (one thousand six hundred and ninety) memberships will be for DD (Defence Digital) consumption whilst the other 310 (three hundred and ten) memberships will be for DE&S (Defence, Equipment and Support) consumption.

Absence of competition for technical reasons applies here as there is no reasonable alternative. This also represents an additional repeat purchase of the same services currently supplied by BCS under the extant contract.

Supplier

The British Computer Society

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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