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## **National Weather Forecasting Information Services**

National Highways Limited

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b412

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

National Highways Limited

Guildford

#### **Email**

[tessa.shaw@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:tessa.shaw@nationalhighways.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

National Weather Forecasting Information Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

National Weather Forecasting contract that supplies forecasts throughout the year to identify severe weather risks across the road network to enable effective mitigation planning and support to Traffic Officer and National Traffic Operations Centre. (NTOC)

#### **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: £18,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

To operate the road network effectively, the Traffic Officer service and NTOC require weather forecast information that is designed to assist them identify severe weather risks on the road network and plan an appropriate response key to this is informing the road user. This information consists of a twice daily forecast 'advisory' report highlighting potential risks and impacts to the Strategic Road Network, support to National Highways for public and partner information services, and provision of Open Data products (rainfall radar, satellite imagery, weather warning services etc.) to our Severe Weather Information Service (SWIS) and its end users.

The contract term will be for 3 years minimum with further options to extend for 3 years in increments of 2+1 years.

### **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:

The contract between National Highways and the Met Office establishes a cooperation between them with the aim of ensuring that public services they have to perform are provided with a view to achieving objectives they have in common namely ensuring public safety and harm prevention to those drivers using, and those individuals working on, the strategic road network. The implementation of that co-operation is governed solely by considerations relating to the public interest and regulation 12 (7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 applies.

#### **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/concession**

### **Contract No**

ITIP0366

### **Title**

National Weather Forecast Information Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 October 2024

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Met Office

Fitzroy Road,

Exeter

EX1 3PB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £18,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.