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Contract

AISI Research and Evals Partner for Cyber and Autonomous Capabilities of AI Foundation Models

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-055823

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

London

SW1A 2EG

Email

dsit.dttgcbp@dsit.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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

Science, Innovation & Technology

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

AISI Research and Evals Partner for Cyber and Autonomous Capabilities of AI Foundation Models

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Artificial Intelligence Security Institute (AISi) is a directorate within the Department of Science and Innovation Technology mission (DSIT). Its mission is to minimise the surprise to the UK and humanity from rapid and unexpected advances in AI. In pursuit of this objective, it aims to offer vital insights into the capabilities of frontier AI systems by conducting evaluations of frontier models, as well as carrying out research to better understand the risks posed by these models and develop potential mitigations to alleviate these risks.

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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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

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:

RM6200 AI DPS Call-off

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_7980

Lot No

1

Title

AISI Research and Evals Partner for Cyber and Autonomous Capabilities of AI Foundation Models

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 18

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 18

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rethink Priorities UK

Eastbourne

BN22 8PW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

14807023

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom