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Planning

## **Supply of licences to access a curated IT research database**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

European Institution/Agency or International Organisation

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply of licences to access a curated IT research database

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Description of the Procurement: The Supply shall include the following technical deliverables and activities:

Access to a database/web portal managed by the Contractor and that provides access to the following

listed types of content.

- Research, in the forms of articles, graphics, presentations about current IT trends

- o General IT trends with a focus on IT management (CIO) related topics

- o Information and comparisons about Enterprise Applications incl. the qualification of solutions by their maturity, vision completeness and ability to execute on their objectives.

- o Information/research about specific IT trends and the related lifecycle and information and research about the maturity of a given technology.

- o Information/research about organisational IT topics (e.g. ways of working, building effective teams, measuring productivity).

- Vendor-independent (fully neutral and without any other self-interest than presenting/selling

the information) evaluations of solutions for different purposes in the Enterprise Application

space (some non-exhaustive examples are HR Information Systems, CRM systems, ERP systems, Enterprise Architecture and Business Process Modelling solutions, Artificial

Intelligence chat systems and coding assistants etc.).

- Provide online tools that allow preparing for procurement of IT services and Enterprise

Applications. These tools include access to vendor/tool/services comparisons, provide access

to domain specific technical and functional evaluation criteria and questions.

In addition to the access to documentation about IT trends, market evaluations as well as solution

comparisons/evaluations, the licences shall provide access to:

- Webinars about topics in line with the available research as outlined above.

- Direct (online) face to face meetings on any IT domain topic covered by the platform to exchange with subject matter experts and to guide further research.

- Tailored feedback, comments and advice from the Contractor's subject matter experts on

documents prepared internally by CERN on IT domain topics.

The Contractor shall actively curate the content provided via its web portal and keep the research information about IT trends, tool/solution vendors regularly updated. For instance, tool/vendor comparisons for common Enterprise Applications (such as CRM, ERP, HRIS and similar systems) shall be updated on at least a yearly basis. All services are meant to be delivered remotely, i.e. via the access to an Internet based web portal as well as online meetings.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1,500,000 CHF

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 72310000 - Data-processing services
- 72320000 - Database services
- 72322000 - Data management services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 December 2024

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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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please note that even after the 'official' stated deadline on the market survey has passed, the contract remains open until the Invitation to Tender is issued. A Market Survey is merely an expression of interest and does not in any way constitute a commitment to bid. If you are interested in this contract, we encourage you to submit the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and you are welcome to later decline if you decide you do not wish to proceed.