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Contract

## **Talent Programme: - Aspire**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

#### **Contact**

Network Procurement

#### **Email**

[network.procurement@defra.gov.uk](mailto:network.procurement@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 03459335577

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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Reference number

C29551

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

Services

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

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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: £35,910

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

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
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#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Talent Programme: - Aspire is a six-month development programme, specifically designed for all Defra group colleagues, grade AA – EO (or equivalent) who identify as from an Ethnic Minority background.

The programme is structured around identified blockers and aims to enable equity to those from ethnic minority backgrounds, providing the tools and knowledge, enabling participants to feel confident and skilled, to progress through their careers.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-002612](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 July 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Index Partners Limited

1st Floor, Sutherland House, 5-6 Argyll Street, London.

London

W1F 7TE

Telephone

+44 02071125160

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

4940909

Internet address

[www.indexpartners.co.uk](http://www.indexpartners.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £67,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £35,910

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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