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Contract

SE1193B Investment Technology Implementation LOT 2

Sport England

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Scope

Description

Sport England is a lottery distributor, administering and awarding approximately £300m per annum (£100m exchequer and £200m lottery). The funds are distributed across the sport and physical activity ecosystem, a complex network of over 100,000 organisations of different sizes and types. This network of organisations provides the opportunities that already underpin the activity habits of millions of people and the athletes that progress through talent development pathways.

Having a fit for purpose technology system for investment administration is therefore essential for Sport England to deliver its strategic ambitions and role as a funding distributor.

The technology system underpins a substantive part of Sport Englands operation, and as a result needs to balance key operating tensions including:

Strategy ambitions and stakeholder expectations: The launch and continued support for Uniting the Movement signals both the sector engagement and expectations for delivery of the strategy including ease of access to funding.

Financial operating constraints: Sport England operates within administrative constraints

impacted by income. Maximising efficiency and productivity in investment will enable effective delivery within the constraints.

Government functional standards and best practice: Rightly government require standards to be achieved for grant administration including counter-fraud. Sport England has established investment management - any change must not compromise standards.

Continuity of operation and delivery: As Sport England existing commitments and necessary ambitions require delivery scale and cadence to be maintained throughout any change.

Alignment with future target operating model: Finally, any improvement in technology needs to align, and have the ability to, adapt to future operating structures and priorities.

Proof of Concept Delivery: A limited time period Proof of Concept (PoC) has recently been delivered prior to this phase. This has demonstrated the approach and functionality can be successful, and the build created will be extended to form the basis of the next phase of development. The PoC contained some limited functionality for the investment management journey in the system. It is deployed on Azure using Azure App service to manage Docker containers, database is PostgreSQL, API backend is asynchronous Python / Starlette, front end is in React with backend for frontend pattern based on Remix.

This procurement is split into four (4) Lots. Requirements are outlined by Lot below:

3.2 Lot 2 - Core Developer

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot LOT 2. Core Developer

Description

- Core Functional Product Build: End-to-end development of the product functionality.
- Solution Design and Problem Solving: Interpret organisational requirements, solve complex challenges, and collaborate closely with business users and stakeholders.
- Feature-Related Technical Infrastructure: Develop system architecture, and integration with non-feature related development of Lot 1.
- Commercial Proposition: Potential to extend value of the system for future commercial proposition with similar organisations.

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Prices per service as listed on rate card

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

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Lots

Lot LOT 2. Core Developer

Supplier

- JAMES CHARLES CONSULTING LIMITED

Contract value

- £750,000 excluding VAT
- £900,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

1 July 2025

Contract dates

- 2 July 2025 to 1 July 2026
- Possible extension to 1 June 2027
- 1 year, 11 months

Description of possible extension:

12 MONTH EXTENSION

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Reporting frequency
Finance solution investigation and proposed approach report delivered	12 months
Collaboration on creation of user stories and acceptance criteria for finance functionality delivered to meet agreed delivery timelines	12 months
Finance Functionality Design Documentation delivered	12 months

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Sport England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTWR-9348-TXMN

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government