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Planning

Project_4971- Provision of Bill of Lading Shipping Data

Department for Business & Trade

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Scope

Description

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) is currently managing a Contract for the provision of Bill of Lading (or shipping instructions) data until November 2025.

Bill of Lading data is used by DBT to monitor container trade to and from the UK. DBT have been receiving Bill of Lading data for exports from the UK (where a container leaves from a UK port) and imports to the UK (where the container lands at a UK port or the container lands at a foreign port but with a final destination of the UK) under contract since 2021. The data that is provided under the current Contract is in the context of UK to World container trade, and World to UK container trade.

DBT is looking to engage with relevant suppliers in the market. DBT are seeking a 12 month contract with the option to extend the contract for a period of up to 12 months. The budget DBT have allocated to this need is £260,000 per year excluding VAT.

Total value (estimated)

- £520,000 excluding VAT
- £624,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 28 November 2025 to 27 November 2026
- Possible extension to 26 November 2027
- 1 year, 11 months, 29 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72320000 - Database services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 September 2025

Engagement process description

DBT are actioning an early market engagement questionnaire.

Suppliers who believe they are capable of delivering the requirements DBT are seeking are invited to submit a completed questionnaire to DBT before the deadline, 05/09/2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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