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Tender

GOV.UK Agentic AI Companion

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The UK government prioritises leveraging emerging technologies like AI to drive innovation in public services, as outlined in the AI Opportunities Action Plan's "Scan, Pilot, Scale" framework.

GDS are looking to appoint suitable organisations to support the development and piloting of an agentic-AI-powered virtual companion, GOV.UK Companion, integrated with the GOV.UK App to provide tailored guidance to users for major life events, with an initial focus on the "(re)entering the workforce" life event.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT

- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 1 October 2026
- Possible extension to 1 April 2027
- 1 year, 6 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Should it be determined additional time is required.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222300 - Information technology services

Participation

Conditions of participation

Please access the relevant procurement portal regarding any Conditions for Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/esop/ogc-host/public/beisgroup/web/login.jst?VISITORID=619d5bd8-4497-46b1-8857-acf167707cd7&_ncp=1753451617666.2033977-1

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Award Criteria is based upon the technical evaluation therefore please see the tender

pack for a full and breakdown of these details

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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