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Contract

**67,472.48 (ex VAT)**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-049738

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-058a59

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

London

#### **Email**

[naomi.clarke@dsit.gov.uk](mailto:naomi.clarke@dsit.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

67,472.48 (ex VAT)

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

To enable widespread AI adoption, DSIT is responding to the AI Management Essentials public consultation by developing two pieces of guidance to be published in September as part of a wider package of announcements.

One of these publications will be 'AI Govern' to support deployers to effectively govern their AI systems. The framework will support firms seeking to adopt or deploy AI systems by providing generalisable guidance for firms operating across different domains, value chains, and with differing risk appetites. The framework will set out a process to ensure deployers have taken effective measures to assure their AI systems.

To develop the framework, we require additional expertise to build out guidance on the technical activities firms can take to appropriately measure, evaluate and mitigate the risks of deploying their AI system.

##### **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: £67,472.48

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Research and framework for AI Adoption Development

### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This work would be procured via Direct Award under Procurement Regulations 24: These contracts are exempt from competition, with the justification of a direct award falling under; Schedule 5, point 6: The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract (a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

## **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**

19 August 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

National Physical Laboratory

Teddington

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £67,472.48

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Science Innovation and Technology

London

Country

United Kingdom