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Contract

26800.00

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-050155

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-058b41

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

London

Email

Sabine.Mcginley2@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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

26800.00

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To support the development of the Government Science Engineering (GSE) Reward Framework, Go-Science requires accurate salary benchmarking data to compare government S&E roles with equivalent positions in industry. This will ensure the framework remains competitive and reflective of broader market trends.

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: £26,800

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Science Capability team seek specialist consultancy services that can provide access to a comprehensive and well-maintained salary database. The Science Capability team would then use this data to conduct detailed comparisons and analyses with our own government data on science and engineering roles and pay. The database provided by the consultancy must include a wide range of salaries across various S&E industry roles, with particular focus on specific science roles (for example, roles in specific scientific fields, rather than just 'research scientist').

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

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:

DSIT delivered a market engagement exercise on two frameworks RM6187 & RM6126 to test market interest and capabilities. The EOs that returned demonstrated lack of capability from the market to deliver this 'niche' dataset and that there was less interest given the low value. Subsequently, following market engagement Aon has been identified as the only suitable supplier to deliver this requirement given the granularity of their dataset.

Subsequently Sch. 5 para. 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 is used as the following conditions are met in relation to this 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

20 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

AON UK LIMITED

London

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: £26,800

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Science Innovation and Technology

London

Country

United Kingdom