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Contract

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DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-058c4f

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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

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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

Research exploring children's views on the future, delivered through British Science Week. It includes designing engagement materials, analysing ~4,000 submissions and providing selected artwork. Insights will inform the Future of Childhood project and contribute to a Foresight report.

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: £30,000

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 Future of Childhood and Adolescence is a Foresight project examining the key factors influencing childhood, how these interact and how these could evolve in future. Engaging children and young people in the project in a meaningful way is an important part of the project.

Go-Science to access insights that are submitted to the British Science Association, and more detailed analysis on a subset. It also uses an unusual and innovative research technique – analysis of children's artwork – which is particularly appropriate for blending child-focused participatory and futures approaches.

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:

In what is considered to be a limited market for this requirement, British Science Association are the only organisation to deliver this requirement at such scale, providing access to ~4,000 artwork submissions and selected ones to inform research and insight for the Future of Childhood Project. 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

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

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: £30,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Science Innovation and Technology

London

Country

United Kingdom