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Award

UKRI-5006 CHERI TOOLS

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

C0223

Description

The purpose is to procure a supplier to establish and operate the central Capability Hardware Enhanced RISC Instructions (CHERI) Tools and Software Hub. This Hub will be conceived as a strategic, collaborative engineering organisation essential for fostering unity and accelerating innovation within the nascent but critical CHERI-RISC-V ecosystem in the UK and beyond.

Contract 1. UKRI-5006 CHERI TOOLS

Supplier

- [The Good Penguin](#)

Contract value

- £833,333.33 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 12 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 15 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

The Good Penguin

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNQV-7963-TGDH

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United Kingdom

Email: sales@thegoodpenguin.co.uk

Region: UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

n/a

Contract 1. UKRI-5006 CHERI TOOLS

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government