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Contract

DA from YPO FW for Real Protect - Security Operations Centre

Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Darlington Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-053962

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059439

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby

Stockton on Tees

TS176BJ

Email

corporateprocurement@stockton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Darlington Borough Council

Darlington

DL1 5QT

Email

jackie.elliott@darlington.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

IT Security System

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DA from YPO FW for Real Protect - Security Operations Centre

Reference number

OPEN20251351

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35120000 - Surveillance and security systems and devices

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract has been established to secure a service focused on improving the council's overall security posture. The provider will operate a continuous 24/7 monitoring system designed to safeguard the authority against ongoing cyber threats. This solution, known as a Security Operations Centre (SOC), involves cybersecurity professionals who investigate alerts and isolate potential threats.

The SOC will complement the existing resources within Xentrall, effectively serving as an extension of our current services. In addition to offering specialised expertise, this arrangement delivers essential protection during critical out-of-hours periods. Previously, an Incident Response contract was in place to support recovery in the event of a cyber incident; the new service retains this function while introducing proactive monitoring capabilities.

Aspires services have demonstrated reliability and effectiveness. Furthermore, this supplier manages our internet connectivity and network hardware, ensuring comprehensive visibility and control. Being locally based, the company can deliver a rapid response should a significant incident arise.

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: £488,448

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees
- UKC13 - Darlington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract was awarded via a Direct Award, calling off from the YPO Network Connectivity and Telecommunication Solutions - 1229 framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

This contract was awarded following the rules and regulations of the YPO Network Connectivity and Telecommunication Solutions - 1229 framework.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

17 July 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

Aspire Technology Solutions Limited

Pipewell Quay, Pipewellgate

Gateshead

NE8 2BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

06031628

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £488,448

Total value of the contract/lot: £488,448

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Court of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom