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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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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## **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

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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 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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Royal Court of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom