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Award

DDaT25039 - Auto-Classification Tool - RFP

UK Research and Innovation

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Scope

Reference

DDaT25039

Description

Brief Description of Requirement

The service required is the ability to classify the UKRI portfolio of applications and awards (Research Councils, Research England, Innovate UK) to a pre-existing classification system. The need for automating the classification is to reduce time spend on manual categorisation and improve operational efficiency. The solution is to classify new applications and our historic portfolio.

In addition, we require a solution to identify Trusted Research and Innovation for a quarterly report to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT).

This is required to ensure continuity of delivering business critical reports to DSIT, International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), Annual reporting to boards, and being able to answer requests of 'what have we funded in defined research areas', that have a quick

turnaround, for example Parliamentary Questions and Freedom of Information Requests.

The classification systems required are: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); OECD sector codes; Health Research Classification System (HRCS); Research, Condition and Disease Categorization (RC); Fields of Research (FoR); Common Scientific Outline and Cancer Type Codes; Units of Assessment (UoA).

Please ensure you review all attached information to ensure a full understanding of this requirement. All attachments can be found with the Supplier Attachments tab within the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal.

This contract will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria as set out in the RFP document.

Contract 1. DDaT25039 - Auto-Classification Tool

Supplier

- Digital Science UK Limited

Contract value

- £574,260 excluding VAT
- £689,112 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

8 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

8 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 17 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2027
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

12-month optional extension following the contract end date.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 4 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

Digital Science UK Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJBC-1253-PHVJ

The Smithson, 6 Briset Street

London

EC1M 5NR

United Kingdom

Email: rfp@digital-science.com

Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

UK Research and Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

Polaris House

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SN2 1FL

United Kingdom

Email: Commercial@ukri.org

Region: UKK14 - Swindon

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

UK Shared Business Services Limited

Summary of their role in this procurement: Shared Service Provider

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPN-7535-GNTG

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Contact organisation

Contact UK Shared Business Services Limited for any enquiries.