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Contract

SE1193B Investment Technology Implementation LOT 4

Sport England

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Sport England is a lottery distributor, administering and awarding approximately £300m per annum (£100m exchequer and £200m lottery). The funds are distributed across the sport and physical activity ecosystem, a complex network of over 100,000 organisations of different sizes and types. This network of organisations provides the opportunities that already underpin the activity habits of millions of people and the athletes that progress through talent development pathways.

Having a fit for purpose technology system for investment administration is therefore essential for Sport England to deliver its strategic ambitions and role as a funding distributor.

The technology system underpins a substantive part of Sport Englands operation, and as a result needs to balance key operating tensions including:

Strategy ambitions and stakeholder expectations: The launch and continued support for Uniting the Movement signals both the sector engagement and expectations for delivery of the strategy including ease of access to funding.

Financial operating constraints: Sport England operates within administrative constraints impacted by income. Maximising efficiency and productivity in investment will enable effective delivery within the constraints.

Government functional standards and best practice: Rightly government require standards to be achieved for grant administration including counter-fraud. Sport England has established investment management - any change must not compromise standards.

Continuity of operation and delivery: As Sport England existing commitments and necessary ambitions require delivery scale and cadence to be maintained throughout any change.

Alignment with future target operating model: Finally, any improvement in technology needs to align, and have the ability to, adapt to future operating structures and priorities.

Proof of Concept Delivery: A limited time period Proof of Concept (PoC) has recently been delivered prior to this phase. This has demonstrated the approach and functionality can be successful, and the build created will be extended to form the basis of the next phase of development. The PoC contained some limited functionality for the investment management journey in the system. It is deployed on Azure using Azure App service to manage Docker containers, database is PostgreSQL, API backend is asynchronous Python / Starlette, front end is in React with backend for frontend pattern based on Remix.

This procurement is split into four (4) Lots. Requirements are outlined by Lot below:

Lot 4 Programme

Change Management

Provide client side resource to lead the implementation of our programme change strategy

Communications Support

Provide communications support to plan and execute key comms to stakeholders

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot LOT 4. Programme

Description

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Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Prices determined by rate cards of daily rates depending on service provision required

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

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Lots

Lot LOT 4. Programme

Supplier

- Empyrean Digital Limited

Contract value

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

8 August 2025

Contract dates

- 8 August 2025 to 30 July 2026
- Possible extension to 30 July 2027
- 1 year, 11 months, 23 days

Description of possible extension:

Extension exercised where Sport England gives the Supplier no less than 2 months written notice before the contract expires

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Reporting frequency
Create Change Plan and submit for approval by 29 August 2025	12 months
Create Communications Plan and submit for approval by 29 August 2025	12 months
Create Training Plan and submit for approval by 29 August 2025	12 months

Name	Reporting frequency
Review and update the Change Communications and Training Plans at least quarterly with documented revisions and stakeholder sign-off where applicable	3 months

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Supplier

Empyrean Digital Limited

- Companies House: 10714769

155 Kingrosia Park

Swansea

SA6 5PF

United Kingdom

Email: hello@empyreandigital.com

Region: UKL18 - Swansea

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

Sport England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTWR-9348-TXMN

Loughborough Sport Park

Loughborough

LE11 3QF

United Kingdom

Email: Procurement@SPORTENGLAND.ORG

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government