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MASS HPSS Support

Met Office

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Scope

Reference

1792

Description

The Managed Archive Storage System (MASS) and associated infrastructure is a critical adjunct to the supercomputer system. MASS is the sole long-term archive for Met Office operational and scientific research data. A key element of the MASS is IBM HPSS (High Performance Storage System) software which is the Storage Management product developed to interface with tape libraries.

The procurement is for a renewal of support to the HPSS software for a period of 6 months from 1st January to 30th June 2026.

Contract 1

Supplier

• IBM UNITED KINGDOM LIMITED

Contract value

- £473,942 excluding VAT
- £568,730 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026
- 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 50300000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to personal computers, office equipment, telecommunications and audio-visual equipment

Contract locations

• UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier technical reasons
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works extension or partial replacement

HPSS software is proprietary to IBM.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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