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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.

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## **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)

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **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.

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## Supplier

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Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

## **Met Office**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZW-3234-DTLY

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