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Planning

AIRR Expansion AI Cloud Compute

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Reference

prj_5950

Description

This notice is to alert the market that the Authority, subject to approvals, has an upcoming requirement, to work with the following:

A cloud provider - contracted to deliver scalable, state-of-the-art AI compute, delivered through a flexible cloud service. This capability will expand the capacity of the UK AI Research Resource, for use by the UK research and AI community.

This will consist of a core reserved capacity, with the option to scale up for extra capacity if required. Full details on the requirement and how to participate will be provided at the Tender Notice publish date.

The authority reserves the right to revise this planned procurement notice to make further information available.

Total value (estimated)

- £214,439,710 excluding VAT
- £250,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72317000 - Data storage services
- 72315000 - Data network management and support services
- 72416000 - Application service providers
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

4 November 2025

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 November 2025, 11:59pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 March 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government