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# **Cyber Threat Defence Software and Appliance**

Sovini Limited

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## Scope

### **Description**

An advanced AI-driven cybersecurity platform enabling organizsations to detect, investigate, and respond to cyber threats in real time wherever they strike.

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### Contract 1

## **Supplier**

• Darktrace Holdings Limited

#### **Contract value**

- £884,632 excluding VAT
- £1,061,558.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 October 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 7 January 2026 to 6 January 2030
- 4 years

## Main procurement category

Services

### **CPV** classifications

- 48000000 Software package and information systems
- 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services
- 72210000 Programming services of packaged software products
- 72211000 Programming services of systems and user software

#### **Contract locations**

• UKD72 - Liverpool

#### Other information

#### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

#### **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Direct award

## **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Darktrace is an advanced AI-driven cybersecurity platform that has been integral to the Sovini cyber defences since 2021. It is designed to learn and understand the common patterns of users, systems, and applications, enabling it to identify anomalies or unusual behaviors that may indicate cyber attacks.

Artificial Intelligence gathering of this nature inside a business of our size and complexity, takes multiple years to allow its advanced machine learning to mature and develop accurate and reliable patterns of user and system behaviour. Alongside this, there has been an increase of Cyber-attacks on RP's and likeminded organisations, with 30% reporting to have experienced at least 1 breach or attack during 2024-25 alone.

To change the Darktrace system now would increase the risk to Sovini significantly, as any replacement technology would have to go through a similar learning process (ours being 4 years) and during this period would create vulnerabilities in internal and external technology processes, leaving us vulnerable to hackers and external attacks. The use of AI is increasing within the toolset of Cyber criminals and as such, any period of weakness is more than ever likely to be taken advantage of should it be identified

## Supplier

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Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

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