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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 organisations 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
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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

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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