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Planning

## **AIRR Expansion AI Cloud Compute**

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

### **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
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### **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

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWZ-3216-PVQL

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government