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Contract

## **Nexus AI**

Department for Work & Pensions

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Work & Pensions

Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA

London

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#### **Email**

[ai.commercial@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:ai.commercial@dwp.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Nexus AI

Reference number

Project\_26634 / C7927

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

?The Authority requires a strategic Supplier capable of meeting requirements related to the exploration, deployment, and ongoing support of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems and services. These include, but are not limited to: Tech Spikes, Horizon Scans, Proofs of Concept (PoCs), Software Trial Teams, working with colleagues to identify business problems, supply expertise to build Beta MVP products and maintain / support products that have gone Live.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £27,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Authority is seeking support from subject matter experts in AI to build a deep and continually updated understanding of AI capabilities mapped against DWP's key business challenges and opportunities. The Authority requires the development and implementation of these services to be able to meet governmental ambitions.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65%

Price - Weighting: 35%

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-007055](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 September 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 15

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 15

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IBM UK Ltd

Building C IBM Hursley Office Hursley Park Road Winchester Hampshire

Winchester

SO21 2JN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

741598

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £9,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contract includes two (2) optional extension periods, each of up to one (1) year in duration. The maximum contract value for each extension period shall not exceed £9,000,000 (ex VAT).

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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