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Contract

Supply of Semiconductor Metrology NMI

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

NPL will create new semiconductor metrology capabilities to improve the UK's infrastructure for pre-competitive semiconductor innovation, supporting investment and growth in next-generation materials and processes. The project will create metrology capability to support the manufacture of advanced semiconductor materials for end use in power electronics, radio frequency (RF) communications, and optoelectronics.

New capabilities will be hosted at NPL and academic partners and made available to UK industry to de-risk investments, support growth, and secure access to international markets.

Contract 1. Semiconductor Metrology

Supplier

- NPL Management Limited

Contract value

- £1,200,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

22 September 2025

Contract dates

- 22 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 9 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Not more than £5M including VAT and contract is for specialist research which would be hard to set applicable KPIs

Signed contract documents

[NPL REDACTED.pdf](#)

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Prototypes and development
- Single supplier - technical reasons

NPL holds sovereign authority under the Metre Convention (Convention du Mètre), an international treaty signed by the UK in 1884. This treaty designates a single National Metrology Institute (NMI) per country to ensure the integrity and international comparability of measurement standards. In the UK, NPL is the designated NMI, which means it is the only body legally empowered to develop and maintain national measurement standards across most domains

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government