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Award

## **Advanced Fuels Fund Delivery Partner FY25/26 - Direct Award**

Department for Transport

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The Department for Transport is seeking to appoint a Delivery Partner to support delivery of the third window of the Advanced Fuels Fund (AFF). This will include evaluating applicants, drafting grant agreements, and monitoring the post-award funding.

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### **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- Ricardo AEA Limited

### **Contract value**

- £214,000 excluding VAT
- £256,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

1 November 2025

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

- 5 November 2025 to 30 June 2026
- 7 months, 26 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 71356000 - Technical services

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### **Other information**

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

We anticipated having c.17 bids and 5 to 15 successful projects in window 3 of the Advanced Fuels Fund grant scheme. This was based on the wider team's regular engagement with industry/projects who had expressed interest, the shortened funding period compared to previous windows, and a policy decision to raise the pass mark for funding from 50% to 65%. Given these factors, it was not considered likely that we would see an uptick in applications, and we anticipated a higher number of ineligible applications given the introduction of the SAF Mandate and therefore more strictly defined eligibility criteria.

However, 34 bids were received and 17 successful projects following assessment. The additional work required to assess the added bids and monitor the increased number of successful projects has increased the forecasted RDEL costs.

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## **Supplier**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Transport**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government