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Award

UKRI-5157 Consultancy Services

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5157

Description

UK Research and Innovation had a requirement for highly specialist Physical, Cyber and National Security consultancy services to support the NQCC facility and Harwell Campus QUILT Facilities. Due to technical compatibility, there was only one suitable supplier.

Contract 1. UKRI-5157 Consultancy Services

Supplier

- Tom Murdoch Consulting

Contract value

- £160,000 excluding VAT
- £192,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 31 July 2027
- 1 year, 8 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79417000 - Safety consultancy services
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

UK Research and Innovation had a requirement for highly specialist Physical, Cyber and National Security consultancy services to support the NQCC facility and Harwell Campus QUILT Facilities. Due to the classified nature of the work and the need for DV-cleared expertise, GCHQ specifically recommended Tom Murdoch Consulting as the only suitable provider. A competitive tender would risk critical disruption to national security operations and delay essential accreditation, making a direct award the only viable option.

Supplier

Tom Murdoch Consulting

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. UKRI-5157 Consultancy Services

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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