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Award

Project_5066- Provision of Bill of Lading Shipping Data

Department for Business & Trade

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Scope

Reference

5066

Description

Bill of Lading data is used by DBT to monitor container trade to and from the UK. DBT have been receiving Bill of Lading data for exports from the UK (where a container leaves from a UK port) and imports to the UK (where the container lands at a UK port or the container lands at a foreign port but with a final destination of the UK) since 2021.

The Data DBT requires includes:

a. Container events including port departure time and port arrival time.

b. Information on which ship the good was transported on. This must include International Maritime Organization ('IMO' number') and vessel name, and it is also desirable that Maritime Mobile Service Identity 'MMSI'). Information on both IMO and, ideally, MMSI designations are required to allow government to match data with UN Global Platform automated identification system (AIS) data.

c. Carrier, shipper, forwarder, and container details. These details are required to identify the movements of the specific cargo containers that goods are shipped in. We also require the address data for the carrier, shipper and forwarder.

d. Port of load, port of destination, place of receipt, and place of destination details. The data must allow us to identify where goods are shipped via intermediate ports.

e. The types and details of goods being shipped. This should be the name/type of product using HS classification codes and the volume/weight of the product.

f. Allocated container count (i.e. unit of measurement used to determine the cargo capacity relative to the total container capacity).

Contract 1. Provision of Bill of Lading Shipping Data

Supplier

- THINKDATA WORKS LIMITED

Contract value

- £520,000 excluding VAT

- £624,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 2 December 2025

- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

3 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 December 2025 to 7 December 2026

- Possible extension to 6 December 2027

- 1 year, 11 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

DBT will have an optional extension clause if the requirement is still needed beyond the length of the additonal contract.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract will include an optional extension clause where DBT will be allowed to

extednt the contrsct of a period up to 12 months.

CPV classifications

- 72300000 - Data services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

THINKDATA WORKS LIMITED

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCLR-3928-GXBG

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Not applicable as no sub-contractors.

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Department for Business & Trade

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZZJ-6312-QTTD

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