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Award

Digital Verification Service (DVS) Register: Public Beta Phase

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Reference

PRJ5912

Description

Objectives of the DVS Register: Public Beta Phase

The main objectives of this Contract are:

1. ****Deliver the Public Beta of the DVS Register****

* Develop and launch a publicly accessible register of digital identity service providers certified against the UK digital identity and attributes trust framework.

* Ensure the register is available on GOV.UK and maintained by the Office for Digital Identities and Attributes within the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

2. ****Collaborative Agile Delivery****

- * Work in partnership between the Buyer (Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)) and the Supplier (Ernst & Young LLP (EY)), using agile methodologies (sprints, sprint planning, daily stand-ups, retrospectives, show & tells).

- * Adjust deliverables and team composition as needed throughout the 14-month public beta phase.

3. ****Continuous Improvement and Iteration****

- * Continuously improve the service based on user feedback, backlog prioritisation, and alignment with policy objectives.

- * Expand service functionality and refine the product through regular review and stakeholder engagement.

4. ****Compliance and Standards****

- * Deliver all requirements in accordance with UK government digital Design Principles, Service Standard, and Technology Code of Practice.

- * Ensure technical documentation, architecture, and operational runbooks meet criteria defined by the Buyer.

5. ****Defined Roles and Responsibilities****

- * Key personnel from both Buyer and Supplier are identified to ensure clear communication and accountability.

- * Any ad-hoc or additional deliverables will require separate SOWs or agreed variations.

****Summary:****

The contract's objectives are to deliver a robust, user-focused public beta of the DVS Register, using agile and collaborative working practices, with ongoing improvements and strict adherence to government standards. The project is structured to be flexible, responsive to change, and clearly governed by the roles and responsibilities set out in the agreement.

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(a) a change in supplier would result in the contracting authority receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or

works, and

(b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance

Contract 1. Digital Verification Service (DVS) Register: Public Beta Phase

Supplier

- ernst& Young EY LLP

Contract value

- £833,333 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 11 December 2025

- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 December 2025 to 9 June 2026
- 5 months, 26 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72590000 - Computer-related professional services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

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

Contract 1. Digital Verification Service (DVS) Register: Public Beta Phase

Contracting authority

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