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Award

IUK Foresighting causing action in year project

ORE Catapult

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Scope

Reference

ORE/25/066

Description

This Direct Award outlines a six-month collaborative research project between ORE Catapult and Skillsminer.ai, supported by the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) to transform Workforce Foresighting outputs into a practical, data-driven Workforce Intelligence product. The project will bridge the gap between strategic foresighting and workforce action, enabling industry and educators to plan for the clean energy transition with clarity and precision. By translating workforce foresight data into tangible operational skills insights, we will help businesses within the ORE Catapult network and beyond to identify emerging capability requirements, map reskilling pathways, and strengthen UK industrial competitiveness.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- SKILLZ MINER LIMITED

Contract value

- £701,400 excluding VAT
- £841,680 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 December 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 3 months, 17 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct Award is the only option due to technical reasons. Skillsminer were explicitly named as a delivery partner in the successful proposal submitted to Innovate UK. The project was subsequently approved and contracted on this basis, with Skillsminer's involvement and associated budget reviewed and accepted by the funder as part of the funding agreement.

As such, the appointment of Skillsminer forms a core component of the approved project delivery plan. Running a separate competitive procurement process at this stage would introduce unnecessary duplication, delay the commencement of key work packages, and risk non-delivery of outputs within the current project end date of 31 March 2026.

The direct award to Skillsminer therefore ensures alignment with the approved Innovate UK proposal, maintains project continuity, and supports timely and compliant delivery of the agreed outputs.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)