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Life Assurance

ORBIT GROUP LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

GPL0241

Description

Life Assurance is provided to all colleagues by Orbit, to provide a death in service benefit to their next of kin in the event of a colleague's death whilst employed by Orbit.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Canada Life Limited

Contract value

- £297,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66511000 - Life insurance services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

This contract is to be awarded on the grounds of urgency due to the need to maintain continuity of Life Assurance cover for Orbit colleagues. This forms a commitment of Orbit's to its colleagues.

The existing policy is due to expire imminently, and any lapse in cover could result in a risk to our colleagues and their families.

Orbit engaged the Employee Benefits Collective (EBC) LLP to complete a market exercise specifically for Orbit's Life Assurance Cover. EBC engaged a number of insurance providers to invite pricing to provide cover. Due to a increase in the number of claims under the policy in the last few years, several providers opted not to quote.

Due to the timescales available, Orbit intends to direct award a contract to Canada Life whose response to the broker represented the greatest value from the responses received. A direct award is necessary to ensure uninterrupted provision of the expiring insurance cover.

Orbit will re-procure a new contract for the future provision of this insurance cover in 2026, with the new contract to commence when this 1 year contract expires.

Supplier

Canada Life Limited

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Canada Life Place, Potters Bar

Hertfordshire

EN6 5BA

United Kingdom

Email: customer.services@canadalife.co.uk

Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDDL-8571-LDGT

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government