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Planning

UK2 Notice Template

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

The Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT) is seeking a supplier to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of data centres in the UK. The assessment must systematically evaluate the sector across a range of critical risk vectors, ensuring that all relevant threats and vulnerabilities are identified and addressed. This assessment is intended to provide an evidence-based understanding of the current landscape, identifying threats and vulnerabilities that may impact the resilience and security of data centre operations. The scope of the assessment is broad, encompassing physical security, personnel security, operational technology (OT) security, business continuity, supply chain security, risk management, data centre facilities and data protection.

Whilst cyber security risks will play a part in this report (e.g. insider threat), they should not be the primary focus as DSIT can pull on an existing body of knowledge relating to the cyber vector.

The work should identify and rank all vectors by severity. This risk assessment will play a part in policy development and will be used by DSIT to help identify relevant standards and other mitigations that data centres operators could follow to minimise risk.

Total value (estimated)

- £80,000 excluding VAT
- £100,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 3 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 December 2025

Engagement process description

If interest in supplying this contract please contact eleanor.woodfield@dsit.gov.uk. We would be keen to hear suppliers thoughts on the proposal, and any information on how you would approach this requirement.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 December 2025

Contracting authority

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