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Award

3PODS (Third Party Observation Data Service)

Met Office

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Scope

Reference

DN776177

Description

The Met Office wishes to contract with an organisation or organisations to deliver a Third-Party Observation Data Service (3PODS), which consists of the supply of Automated Weather Station data and the processing of this data into Met Office Systems. The contract(s) shall be for an initial period of 2 years with extensions of 2 and 1 years up to a maximum of 5 years in length.

Requirement 1- Lot 1- AWS dataset(s)

Procure (a) dataset(s) of approximately 2,000 or more sites across the UK, that is of a similar quality and size to the existing WOW dataset, with a view to increase the number of observations from the baseline level over that 5-year period subject to budget availability and data suitability.

Should both Lots be awarded, Lot 1 data supply will not begin until Lot 2 delivery has

been completed, as Met Office does not wish to pay for data it is not ingesting. The effective date for commencement of services under Lot 1 is therefore unknown until a contract for Lot 2 is awarded.

Should Lot 2 not be awarded, the Met Office reserves the right to still award contract(s) under Lot 1, in which case, provision of the services will commence immediately.

Requirement 2- Lot 2- Data as a Service Capability

Delivery of a solution which minimises MO staff involvement, both in its creation and maintenance. This will deliver a supported platform that is initially capable of processing data from at least 2,000 sites and also be capable of change and delivering new data sets as identified in the future more quickly and flexibly than current internal Met Office capabilities (with a view to increase the number of observations from the baseline level of 2,000 up to 3,000 or more over that 5-year period subject to budget availability and data suitability).

It is important to note that the fundamental concept for Lot 2 is that the data ingested will not be confined to Lot 1 data sources. Other potential example data sets could include but are not limited to data from automatic weather stations run by other central government organisations and local authorities, the academic sector, UK energy providers, rain gauge network data and data from marine buoys.

This represents a strategic opportunity to scale. The speed of deployment of new data sources is the key component of this capability- if it does not represent a material improvement on current internal Met Office processes, no contract will be awarded.

Met Office's expectation is that Lot 2 delivery is a prerequisite for Lot 1 data supply and the operational deployment of the solution will determine when the Lot 1 data supply can begin. Should Lot 2 not be awarded, the Met Office reserves the right to still award contract(s) under Lot 1, in which case, provision of those services will commence immediately.

Lot 1. Automated Weather Station dataset(s)

Description

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Lot 2. Data as a Service Capability

Description

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Contract 1. Automated Weather Station Data Supply

Lots

Lot 1. Automated Weather Station dataset(s)

Supplier

- Netatmo

Contract value

- £65,550 excluding VAT
- £78,650 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

18 December 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Initial term 2 year, plus option for additional 2 years plus option for further 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional weather station data feed types and volume purchases depending on budget availability

CPV classifications

- 72310000 - Data-processing services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Contract 2. Automated Weather Station Data Supply

Lots

Lot 1. Automated Weather Station dataset(s)

Supplier

- Synoptic Data PBC

Contract value

- £183,865.99 excluding VAT
- £220,639.19 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

18 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 31 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2 year initial term plus 2 year option plus additional 1 year option

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional purchase of weather station data volumes and types as budget allows

CPV classifications

- 72310000 - Data-processing services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Contract 3. Data as a Service Capability

Lots

Lot 2. Data as a Service Capability

Supplier

- Synoptic Data PBC

Contract value

- £1,125,598 excluding VAT
- £1,350,717.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

18 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 31 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Initial term of 2 year plus option 2 year and final option of 1 further year

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Option to enhance service by adding processing of further data volumes and types as budget allows

CPV classifications

- 72310000 - Data-processing services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Automated Weather Station dataset(s)

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 2 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. Data as a Service Capability

- 7 tenders received

- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

Netatmo

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGPV-1973-QXPW

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Boulogne-Billancourt

92100

France

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Automated Weather Station Data Supply

Synoptic Data PBC

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXXY-7849-PRPG

4094 Majestic Lane #199

Fairfax

22033

United States

Email: greg.jimenez@synopticdata.com

Website: <http://www.synopticdata.com>

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Automated Weather Station Data Supply

Contract 3. Data as a Service Capability

Contracting authority

Met Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZW-3234-DTLY

Met Office

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government