



30 May 2024

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference: F24-005**



Thank you for your email of 20 May 2024. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Request

You requested the following information:

*I would like to make a FOI request relating to the following contract:*

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/188bf8bd-89e6-4cb7-aac1-02dade307fac>

*Please can you confirm the following:*

- 1. Which framework was used to procure this contract? (If G-Cloud: What were the specific search terms used to shortlist suppliers?) (If CSS3: What were the specific filters used to shortlist suppliers?)*
- 2. What services are being utilised as part of this contract?*
- 3. How much resource and number of people are they using on the current contract*

Our Response

We hold the information you have requested.

- 1. Which framework was used to procure this contract? (If G-Cloud: What were the specific search terms used to shortlist suppliers?) (If CSS3: What were the specific filters used to shortlist suppliers?)**

The framework used to procure this contract was the Crown Commercial Service Call-off contract under the CCS-G-Cloud-RM1557.13 Framework Agreement.

The initial long list search was conducted within G Cloud 13 marketplace based on the below three search criteria:

- Search Criteria 1: Cyber and Information Risk Management;
- Search Criteria 2: Cyber security consultancy, Pentesting;
- Search Criteria 3: Cyber Security Consultancy, Pentesting, risk management.

This generated nine service offering results.

The following search filters were then applied to shortlist suppliers:

- Cloud support, where Minimum government security clearance is Baseline Personnel Security

Standard (BPSS), where Supplier type is Not a reseller.

The full details on the procurement can be found in the Work Package Procurement Plan and Tender Award Report, which I have attached to this response.

## **2. What services are being utilised as part of this contract?**

The contract is for the services of a cyber security partner to help protect the Delivery Authority's digital systems from a cyber-attack. The required services includes:

- Information Security Management for Implementation of ISO27001.
- Learning and Development support
- Penetration Testing – Periodic vulnerability assessments
- Information Assurance & Risk Assessment

The full details on the scope and requirements of the contract can be found in the Work Package Procurement Plan and Tender Award Report, which I have attached to this response.

## **3. How much resource and number of people are they using on the current contract?**

The contract value was £359,833.34 at the point of award. There has since been a variation to the contract and the current contract value is £427,283.34.

There are two contractors supplied to the Delivery Authority under the contract:

- Information Security Manager = 16-20 days per month
- Human Risk Behavior and trainer = 6 -9 days per month

As part of the contract, resources are also provided to conduct Penetration Testing. This generally comprises of one contractor per pen test and sub-contractors from three different suppliers (Perspective risk, Pen Test People and Cyberis).

### Further Information

Information provided in this response is correct at this time, however work on the Houses of Parliament Restoration & Renewal Programme continues, and any outcomes may ultimately differ from those presented herein.

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service that you have received in relation to your request, please contact us in the first instance and we will seek to reach an informal resolution. If you remain dissatisfied, then you may ask for an internal review. If you ask for an internal review of the decision, we will acknowledge this request and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome. The following outcomes are possible:

- The original decision is upheld; or
- The original decision is reversed or modified.

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review then you should contact us within two months



of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and the timescale will depend upon the complexity of the matter.

We would normally endeavour to complete such reviews within 20 working days of acknowledgement, and exceptionally within 40 working days. We will keep you informed of the progress of the review. If you wish to request a review you should contact [foi@r-r.org.uk](mailto:foi@r-r.org.uk). If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the 'Making a Complaint' section of their website or by phone on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

The Information Request Team