Our Ref: UKSBS-FOI25-26-067

24 October 2025

Dear

Thank you for your email of 07 October 2025 in which you requested the following information:

REQUEST DETAILS:

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding our company's recent involvement in UKSBS procurement activities. Specifically, we have participated in two tenders through our platform, Digital Beehive, and would like to request the following details:

1.The names and reference numbers of the two tenders we participated in.
2.The evaluation criteria and scoring breakdowns used for each tender.
3.The names of the successful bidders and the awarded contract values.
4. Any feedback or assessment notes relating to our submissions, if available.

To assist with locating the relevant information, please find below the details of the specific procurement opportunity my company was involved in:

BAS (British Antarctic Survey) - DDaT25216
STFC (Science and Technology Facilities Council) - DDaT25193

5. With regards to DDaT25193, a presentation of our software was recorded by UKSBS. Despite us asking for a copy, this was request was left ignored - I would be grateful if this could be actioned.

Your request was handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

RESPONSE DETAILS:

I can confirm that UKSBS holds some of the information you have requested. Please find our responses below:

1.The names and reference numbers of the two tenders we participated in.

As stated in our response dated 09 October 2025, we were unable to proceed without references or names of the procurements you participated in. You provided these details on the 14 October 2025.

BAS (British Antarctic Survey) - DDaT25216

2.The evaluation criteria and scoring used for this procurement.

Attached document DDaT25216 - G-Cloud Shortlist lists the word search used for this procurement.

The award was made in accordance with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) criteria under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR2015).

3. The names of the successful bidders and the awarded contract values.

The award details can be found on the Cloud Based Management Tool - Contracts Finder.

4. Any feedback or assessment notes relating to our submissions, if available.

Attached email sent to [redacted] on the 18 July 2025 provides feedback relating to your submission.

STFC (Science and Technology Facilities Council) - DDaT25193

2.The evaluation criteria and scoring used for this procurement.

The attached document DDaT25193 lists the G-Cloud criteria applied during this procurement.
Following this, the award was made via a Direct Award (DA) based on price, as the other two proposed systems exceeded the available budget. However, certain elements were missing from the demonstration. The attached document NEC4 demonstration justifications provides the rationale for the decision.

4. Any feedback or assessment notes relating to our submissions, if available.

Please refer to attached emails sent to [redacted] 07 October 2025 and further feedback sent to [redacted] 20 October 2025.

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We can confirm that Section 2.0, Engage with suppliers (optional), from the UK Government procurement guidance The Sourcing Playbook and the G-Cloud 14 Buyer Guide was adopted. In this instance, the Contracting Authority did not require a recording of the presentation; therefore, the meeting was not recorded.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires UKSBS, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt), to provide you, the requestor,

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with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

3.The names of the successful bidders and the awarded contract values for DDaT25193.

Some of the information you requested regarding the names of the successful bidders and the awarded contract values, is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is information intended for future publication.

Section 22(1) states that information is exempt if:

• The public authority holds the information with the intention of publishing it at some future date.

As Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act is a qualified exemption, we have carried out a Public Interest Test to assess whether the public interest favours disclosure at this time. We acknowledge the public interest in transparency regarding the publication of contract awards. However, in this instance, we consider that interest to be outweighed by our responsibility to publish within 30 days of the contract award, which was awarded on 30 September 2025. We will therefore apply Section 22 to withhold this information until its scheduled publication.

Therefore, it is our intention to publish this information on the 30 October.

If you would like to be notified when it is published, please let us know.

I hope this information is of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the above response you have a right to request a review of your Freedom of Information request. Details of the complaints and review procedure are appended to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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