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(via the Sourcing portal)  
Sourcing portal ref: Project 2256  
All communications must be sent via the Sourcing portal.

**OFFICIAL COMMERCIAL - SUBJECT TO CONTRACT**  
**ARCHAEOLOGY FRAMEWORK (OJEU REF: 2020/S 134-331367)**

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my letters dated 9 February 2021, I am writing to inform you that the standstill period for this contract has now ended and that Highways England intends to award a contract for Lot 1 on the framework to Connect Archaeology LLP. Connect Archaeology has not been awarded a contract for Lot 2 in accordance with the procedure detailed in Section 2.3 of the Instructions for Tenderers (IFT).

Please note that the award of the contract may still be prevented or delayed if a claim is issued against Highways England prior to the execution and completion of the contract. No contract will exist until the contract has been executed and completed.

**Contract Execution**

The contract is enclosed in duplicate. Please arrange for your authorised signatories to execute the contract in duplicate and scan and return both documents to us via Bravo at the address at the top of this letter as soon as possible 9 March 2021. Please do not date the contract. We will execute and complete the contract in duplicate and return one original to you.

**Insurance**

Prior to entering into the contract, you are required to provide evidence that the insurances required in the contract are in place. Please submit this evidence via Bravo.

**Publicity**

Until such time as we notify you, you must not publicise the contents of this letter or the award of this contract and all media enquiries should be directed to the relevant procurement officer via the Sourcing portal.

Yours sincerely

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Procurement Delivery Lead