## **Forge**Front

## ForgeFront's Futures Framework win

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ForgeFront is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a place on the UK Government's futures framework agreement. This will see us and our world-class suppliers prepare organisations for the opportunities and threats of tomorrow.

The futures framework, which runs until June 2026, helps organisations access futures related services and capability development. This means they don't have to go through lengthy procurement processes and can directly award projects to a list of Government approved suppliers.

Leading the framework is the Government Office for Science (GO-Science), headed by the Chief Scientific Adviser. GO-Science helps futureproof UK policy through its futures, foresight and emerging technology function. It works closely with the UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

All UK Government departments, non-departmental public bodies, the NHS and every local authority can use the framework. Included in the extensive list are also universities, schools, police forces, housing associations, charities, national parks, Citizens Advice and the National Citizen Service. It takes a truly pan-UK approach too: government and public sector organisations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can also benefit.

ForgeFront's winning bid brought together our policy expertise, coal face government experience and futures knowledge to create a gold standard delivery structure for futures thinking. We call this methodology **Future.Ctrl** and it allows clients to identify future scenarios, threats and opportunities and then design, implement and track policies to meet desired outcomes. More information about Future.Ctrl is available through our supplier prospectus <u>here</u> and our website <u>here</u>.

To deliver this capability we partner with **Good Judgment Inc. (GJI)** (<u>https://goodjudgment.com</u>). Founded by Professor Philip Tetlock, author of <u>Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction</u>. New York based GJI grew out of the academic team that won a seminal four-year forecasting competition run by the US intelligence community. They operate a group of international Superforecasters<sup>®</sup> who are able to predict future events with striking accuracy. Recent and ongoing clients include <u>The Economist, The</u> <u>Atlantic</u>, the UK and US governments, think tanks, US universities and large international companies.

Welcoming the announcement **Sam Douglas-Bate, ForgeFront Managing Director,** said: "We know there is a huge need for futures services in Government and beyond. Demand outstrips supply. This framework will fill a hole, allowing access to cutting edge services, bringing challenge and helping to avoid the perils of group-think".

**Gavin Moore, ForgeFront Director,** added: "It is about creating robust organisations as much as looking at futures. Our work will be very much focused on upskilling teams, allowing them to deliver gold standard futures work after we have gone".

Speaking about joining the ForgeFront bid, the CEO of GJI **Dr Warren Hatch**, said "We are thrilled to be able to provide our insight and training to UK clients and this includes our fast, accurate forecasts on

bespoke topics. We have established a winning package with the policy and futures experts at ForgeFront. Future.Ctrl has the ability to be a gamechanger by drawing the direct connection between Superforecasting and strategy and policy implementation. It's the first time we have seen such a seamless connection for clients."

Guidance on how organisations across the UK can use the framework will be published on Gov.uk. For more information about Future.Ctrl and how ForgeFront can help you, contact us at 0203 829 2899 or info@forgefront.co.uk.

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