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NI Audit Office appoints successful companies to data analytics project

The Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) has today (Monday 29 April) announced five companies, including two from Northern Ireland, who will help deliver phase one of the Office's project to develop a data enabled approach to public sector audit.

In September 2018, the NIAO announced that it had successfully secured up to £1.25 million from GovTech Catalyst, a £20million fund launched by the Cabinet Office in November 2017 to help the public sector identify and work with cutting edge technology firms to find innovative solutions to operational service and policy delivery challenges.

The five companies appointed to undertake research and development as part of phase one of the project are:

- <u>Advanced Analytics Labs</u>
- <u>AMPLYFI</u>
- Analytics Engines
- <u>NquiringMinds</u>
- <u>Protiviti</u>

The announcement was made as the NIAO welcomed representatives from the five successful companies to an Inception Day at its headquarters, to officially commence the project's first phase.

Making the announcement, Pamela McCreedy, NIAO Chief Operating Officer said:

"We were very impressed with the high calibre of applications received and are very excited about working with the appointed companies to help deliver our vision of an innovative and data-enabled approach to public sector audit.

In working with all five suppliers, we want to develop solutions that are efficient, tailored to our business needs and which deliver added value and quality for all of our public sector clients."

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