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Contract

002652 Shared Repository Service

British Library Board

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The British Library was seeking suppliers for the Shared Repository Service (<https://iro.bl.uk/>) for its next phase of operation from 1.1.2026 - 31.3.2029. During this period, the Shared Repository Service will transition to a cost recovery model. The initial duration of this contract is 15 months (1.1.2026-31.3.2027) with an option to extend for a further 12 + 12 months, subject to the success of the cost recovery model. The service currently provides discovery and access to over 16,000 research outputs, including articles, datasets, conference contributions, theses etc.

Contract 1. 002652 Shared Repository Service

Supplier

- 4Science S.p.A.

Contract value

- £296,650 excluding VAT
- £355,980 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

18 December 2025

Contract dates

- 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 3 months

Description of possible extension:

12 + 12 Months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Does not apply

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

4Science S.p.A.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

British Library Board

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCXZ-9362-XQJM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government