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Tender

## **002713 British Library Conservation, Bindery & Enclosures Framework**

British Library

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

002713

### **Description**

The British Library is seeking to establish a framework arrangement with suppliers who can demonstrate their capability in providing high quality conservation and binding services to Library collections. The framework is divided into 3 Lots, and the British Library anticipates appointing between 1 and 6 suppliers per Lot.

This tender is divided by 'Lots' based on types of treatment, and tenderers are invited to bid for any combination of Lots, which fall broadly into the three following categories:

1. Lot 1 - Conservation of volumes covered in leather, cloth, buckram or paper as well as general paper conservation

2. Lot 2 - Rebinding and binding of unbound material, including lettering

3.Lot 3 - Buckram-covered enclosures for Library collections, including lettering

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Bookbinding-and-finishing-services./78G8645358>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/78G8645358>

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 1 April 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The duration of the framework arrangement will be an initial period of 12 months commencing on the 1 April 2026 with a further three optional 12-month extensions thereafter. The total maximum duration of the framework arrangement will therefore be four years from 1 April 2026.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79971000 - Bookbinding and finishing services
- 79971200 - Bookbinding services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The framework is divided into 3 Lots, and the British Library anticipates appointing between 1 and 6 suppliers per Lot.

There is no limit of Lots Tenderers can apply for.

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## **Lot 1. Conservation of volumes covered in leather, cloth, buckram or paper as well as general paper conservation**

### **Description**

Please download and refer to the ITT for full description of the Lots.

This lot includes the following treatments:

- Dry cleaning
- Aqueous treatment (flattening only)
- Guarding, tipping in
- Substrate repair, consolidation and lining
- Hand sewing
- Machine sewing
- Covering material repair, consolidation
  - oLeather
  - oParchment/vellum
  - oBuckram/book cloth
  - oPaper
- Reback (tight and hollow), board reattachment, recreating/replacing covers
  - oLeather
  - oParchment/vellum
  - oBuckram/book cloth
  - oPaper
- Lettering
- Pressure-sensitive tape/label removal
- Staple removal
- Slipping bolts
- Insert original covers into a new binding

-Re-casing of textblock in original covers

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £1,260,000 excluding VAT
- £1,512,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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### **Lot 2. Rebinding and binding of unbound material, including lettering**

#### **Description**

Download and review Tender documents for full details.

Lot 2: Rebinding and binding of unbound material, including lettering

This lot includes the following treatments:

-Hand sewing

-Machine sewing

-Rebinding in the following styles

oPamphlet

oCase

oSPLIT-board

-New bindings for previously unbound material in the following styles:

oPamphlet

oCase

oSplit-board

oGuard-book

oPost-binder

oQuarter-flush cloth

-Lettering

-Insert original covers into a new binding

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £360,000 excluding VAT
- £432,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot Lot 3. Buckram-covered enclosures for Library collections, including lettering**

### **Description**

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**Lot 3: Buckram-covered enclosures for Library collections, including lettering**

This lot includes the following:

- Drop-back boxes, made of permanent board, put together with EVA and covered in permanent buckram with permanent paper tray linings
- Four-flap folders, made of permanent board, put together with EVA and covered in permanent buckram with permanent paper linings
- Lettering

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £180,000 excluding VAT
- £216,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

**Lot 1. Conservation of volumes covered in leather, cloth, buckram or paper as well as general paper conservation**

**Lot 2. Rebinding and binding of unbound material, including lettering**

**Lot 3. Buckram-covered enclosures for Library collections, including lettering**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

23 January 2026, 12:00am

### **Tender submission deadline**

2 February 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

6 March 2026

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## Award criteria

| Name        | Type    | Weighting |
|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Criterion 2 | Quality | 80%       |
| Criterion 1 | Price   | 20%       |

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

**British Library**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCXZ-9362-XQJM

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London

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United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@bl.uk](mailto:procurement@bl.uk)

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Organisation type: Public authority - central government