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Support and Maintenance of the IDP Website Infrastructure

British Library Board

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Support and maintenance for the IDP 4D database utilised by the British Library as the repository for the 50,000 records from Dunhuang and other sites of the Eastern Silk Roads to be stored and made freely available online.

Contract 1

Supplier

- 4D SAS

Contract value

- £136,449.98 excluding VAT
- £163,739.98 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 February 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 1 month, 20 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72415000 - World wide web (www) site operation host services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The contract has been directly awarded due to an absence of competition for technical reasons and that there are no reasonable alternatives

Supplier

4D SAS

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXQW-4267-RQMJ

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Website: <http://www.4D.com>

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): 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