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Pipeline

Access to Online Databases and Publications

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Scope

Description

The requirement is for the supply of a broad range of commercially produced online, web-based and other digital and electronic media databases of published information, and associated services, to the Knowledge and Information Services and/or directly to FCDO departments both in the United Kingdom and overseas diplomatic missions. [Online databases and publications currently include but not limited to: Washington Post, NewsBank, Dods, Databeuro, Journal Store (JSTOR), New York Times, Oxford University Press, Wall Street Journal, Press Reader, Factiva, EBSCO Databases (Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, Discovery Tool, World Politics Review), and BSI Online. Access to these resources supports staff from across the organisation to deliver informed diplomatic and development outcomes as well as provide global insight and analysis.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,500,000 excluding VAT
- £4,200,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 5 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 22120000 - Publications
- 72320000 - Database services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 January 2027

Procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRR-8771-PHVX

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government