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Contract

Figshare for Institutions (Scholarship Exchange) extension for 2 years

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Scope

Reference

OUPA10593a

Description

This amendment extends the term of the Scholarly Exchange Portal license and adjusts the associated fees.

Contract 1

Supplier

- DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS INC.

Contract value

- £45,833 excluding VAT
- £54,999.60 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

24 February 2025

Contract dates

- 24 February 2025 to 11 July 2025
- Possible extension to 11 July 2026
- 1 year, 4 months, 16 days

Description of possible extension:

The current contract extension runs from 9 January 2025 to 17 April 2027.

This is a formal update to the original agreement between The Open University and Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc. (DSRSI) for the use of the Figshare for Institutions - Scholarly Exchange Portal. While the amendment does not explicitly reference future extension clauses, extensions to this contract have historically been carried out through mutual written agreements.

Amendment Date Purpose

30 April 2018 - Renewal/extension

2 April 2020 - Further term adjustment

10 March 2021 - Contract update

12 March 2024 - Preceding update to current

24 February 2025 - Current update extends term to 17 April 2027

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 72260000 - Software-related services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS INC.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

- Charity Commission (England and Wales): RC000391

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYNW-6296-ZJQQ

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