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Award

Culture Learning and Libraries

Nottinghamshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

DN776845

Description

Culture Learning and Libraries (Midlands) trading as Inspire - direct award on substantially the same terms as the current contract. The proposed new contract will commence on 1 April

2026 and end on 31 March 2028.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Culture, Learning & Libraries (Midlands) trading as Inspire

Contract value

- £23,200,000 excluding VAT
- £27,840,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services

Contract locations

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire
 - UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire
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Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The direct award appointment being made is via ground 7, Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23) is possible due to:

(a) a change in supplier would result in the contracting authority receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and

(b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance.

Supplier

Culture, Learning & Libraries (Midlands) trading as Inspire

- Mutuals Public Register: 7139
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVGB-1242-MRRM

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Nottingham

NG8 4GP

United Kingdom

Email: ask@inspireculture.org.uk

Website: <http://www.inspireculture.org.uk>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Nottinghamshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBCV-5152-BXBP

County Hall, Loughborough Road

Nottingham

NG2 7QP

United Kingdom

Email: prpc@nottscc.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government