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Contract

Provision of a Similarity Detection System

DN Colleges Group

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Scope

Description

This contract is for the provision of a similarity detection system to support academic integrity across DN Colleges Group.

The service enables originality and plagiarism checking at the point of submission, with full integration into the Group's virtual learning environments and alignment with partner university systems.

Following a review, the contract has been directly awarded to Turnitin, LLC under the Procurement Act 2023 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons. Turnitin is fully embedded across DN Colleges Group systems and curriculum delivery, and migration to an alternative provider during the academic year would be disproportionate and disruptive to staff and students.

The contract is valued at £30,232.94 inclusive of VAT for a one-year period (2025/26 academic year). A market exercise will be undertaken in early 2026 to prepare for any future competition ahead of the 2026/27 academic year.

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Supplier

- TURNITIN, LLC

Contract value

- £30,232.94 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

6 October 2025

Contract dates

- 6 October 2025 to 5 October 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

TURNITIN, LLC

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTGB-9818-MHVT

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

DN Colleges Group

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10004695
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZBH-4782-ZMWY

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Region: UKE31 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government