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Award

## **Ingres Database Subscription/PRO/2025**

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

OUPA10770

### **Description**

The contract is for the purchase of the subscription to the Ingres database.

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## **Contract 1. Ingres Database Subscription**

## Supplier

- [Actian Europe Ltd](#)

## Contract value

- £2,916,667 excluding VAT
- £3,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 November 2025

## Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 November 2025 to 29 November 2030
- 5 years

## Main procurement category

Goods

## CPV classifications

- 48611000 - Database software package
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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

### Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

Action is the sole provider of subscription to the Ingres database which is heavily embedded in supporting the Open University's key custom-built internal systems including our core student admin function and parts of HR systems.

This contract award will ensure continuity of service with the existing provider whilst other database options are considered and allow for the potential time for migration to a new solution.

The costs in this notice are approximate and may be subject to change. The final costs will be published in the associated Contract Details Notice.

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## Supplier

## **Action Europe Ltd**

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United Kingdom

Email: [paul.corio@hcl-software.com](mailto:paul.corio@hcl-software.com)

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

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

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Milton Keynes

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government