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Contract

Virtual Servers

National Library of Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05e644

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

http://www.nls.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1162 2

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Virtual Servers

Reference number

2025.26.049

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 48820000 - Servers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of virtual servers hosting the Nutanix Solution to augment an existing virtual server environment.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £551,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 48822000 - Computer servers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Procurement was carried out via a Non-Competitive Action (NCA) for technical (integration) reasons.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - o absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Library has an existing contract with XMA (contract number 2023.24.049) for the provision of virtual servers hosting the Nutanix Solution. This contract's scope is scalable to allow the purchase of further servers and associated licenses / support, in anticipation of the Library making use of this pending the outcome of a cloud migration review. The expectation was that most of the Library's new virtual storage needs would be covered by the move to the cloud. However, on concluding the review, the Library has found that such a move at the scale required would be prohibitively expensive and has therefore ruled it out. This has resulted in the unforeseeable scale at which the Library now has to extend the on-premise virtual server environment.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2025.26.049

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

XMA Limited

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Nottingham

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UKF14 - Nottingham

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £551,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:815378)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom