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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**

National Library of Scotland

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Edinburgh

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nls.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11622](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11622)

**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

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## **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

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## **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:
  - 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

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## **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

Unit 44, Wilford Industrial Estate, Ruddington Lane,

Nottingham

NG11 7EP

Telephone

+44 1158464000

Fax

+44 1158464663

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom