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Our ref: FOI24/25-040
Date: 11 July 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2024 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service (the agency):

"I would like to understand how a particular award was made within the current procurement regime.

On 27 April 2021, a notice was published on Contracts Finder of a procurement made by the Insolvency Service. The Total Value of the contract is £304,000. The procedure type used for this award is stated to be 'Single tender action (below threshold)'. However, my understanding is that the threshold for the application of one of the five procurement procedures under the PCR 2015 is £139,688 for Central Government bodies and £214,904 for other contracting authorities.

Please could you explain what procurement procedure was used to make this award and the basis for that procedure in the rules?

Awarded date: 31 March 2021

Contract start date: 1 April 2021

Contract end date: 31 March 2022

Total value of contract: £304,000

This contract was awarded to 1 supplier: THOMSON REUTERS (PROFESSIONAL) UK LIMITED

Procurement reference: TIS0458

Legal Research Platform - Contracts Finder"

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm the agency holds the information that you have requested. The information is available to you at the website link below:

[Public Contract Regulations – Regulation 32\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

Because this information is reasonably accessible to you the agency is not obliged to provide you with a separate copy of the information pursuant to the exemption at section 21 of FOIA.

TIS0458 Legal Research Platform was awarded on the 31st March 2021 via negotiated procedure without prior publication with the basis of this approach detailed in the [Public Contract Regulations – Regulation 32\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) – competition is absent for technical reasons.

Please note: the details on the Contracts Finder Notice were incorrect and have been amended to reflect the correct information.

The updated CF Notice is available via this link [Contracts Finder Notice](#).

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided to you and would like us to reconsider our decision by way of an internal review (IR), please contact our Information Rights team within 40 working days of this letter at foi@insolvency.gov.uk or by post at:

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You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you wish for them to investigate any complaint you may have regarding our handling of your request. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect an IR to have been completed in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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