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BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION CONTRACT

Thank you for your request of 29 October 2022, for a copy of a contract awarded by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) to Incorporated London Limited. This contract was awarded and commenced on 11 September 2015 and published on 6 October 2015.

Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and it has been reproduced at Annex A for your reference.

Having searched our audit records and archives, we can confirm that we do not hold information within the scope of your request. It is possible that we never held a copy of the contract, as it dates back to 2015 which is prior to the National Audit Office taking on the financial audit of the BBC. Alternatively, if we did previously hold a copy, it would have been destroyed in accordance with our records retention and disposal schedules, which for this type of material is six years. You may wish to contact the BBC to ask if they still hold a copy of the contract.

We are sorry that we are unable to help on this occasion. Annex B sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under the FOIA.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

NAO Correspondence and FOI Team

Annex A

Request for a copy of a British Broadcasting Corporation contract

(Your request in italics)

“Strategic Consultancy. BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Published date: 6 October 2015. Awarded contract - This means that the contract has been awarded to a supplier. Contract summary. Industry; Business and management consultancy and related services – 79400000. Location of contract. Any region. Value of contract £0. Procurement reference, PROC 2015 45 TM. Published date 6 October 2015. Closing date 9 July 2015. Contract start date. 11 September 2015. Contract end date 10 September 2016. Contract type Service contract. Procedure type Restricted procedure. Duration of the agreement: 36 months

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/74570a44-3620-4c7b-b45a-51b992791613?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

Please provide copy of this contract and all extensions to this agreement and summary management reports.”

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF