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Planning

376E_24 eBooks, eAudiobooks and Print Books

ESPO

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-000719

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042bd8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

ESPO

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

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Contact

Food, Communities and Technology Procurement Team

Email

tenders@espo.org

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.espo.org/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority Services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) Title

376E_24 eBooks, eAudiobooks and Print Books

Reference number

376E_24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Prior Information Notice where the tender documentation is not yet available. However, interest in this opportunity (Expressions of interest) can still be registered (see details of how to complete below).

ESPO is seeking to renew its eBooks, eAudiobooks and Print Books framework. It is anticipated that the new framework will be awarded during Summer 2024.

ESPO is also considering extending the framework scope to include ePress and Serviced Library Stock.

Prior to retendering, ESPO is seeking to engage with the supplier market to help inform the new framework to ensure that it best meets the needs of both suppliers and customers across the public sector.

Suppliers responding to this opportunity will be invited to participate in the pre-market engagement which will take place between January and February 2024.

To express an interest:

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '376E_24' (via "View Opportunities" from the 'EastMidsTenders' Portal); d) Express an interest.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 48160000 - Library software package
- 79980000 - Subscription services
- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 May 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Framework Agreement is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders information only.