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## **Public Library of Science (PLOS) – OpenAccess Publishing for UKHSA staff**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

E14 4PU

#### **Contact**

Procurement Operations

#### **Email**

[procurement.operations@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:procurement.operations@ukhsa.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Public Library of Science (PLOS) – OpenAccess Publishing for UKHSA staff

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79970000 - Publishing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This VEAT notice is to indicate that UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) intends to award a contract to Jisc Services Limited. This agreement provides fees for unlimited publishing for corresponding authors from participating institutions in PLOS' four equity titles: PLOS Water, PLOS Climate, PLOS Global Public Health, and PLOS Mental Health.

#### **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: 31,632 USD

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79970000 - Publishing services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Main site or place of performance

UKHSA Colindale,  
61 Colindale Avenue,  
London NW9 5EQ

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Public Library of Science (PLOS) - Open Access Publishing for UKHSA staff. This agreement will allow all UKHSA staff to publish Open Access articles in the PLOS journals without incurring any publication charges at the time of submission.

JISC have negotiated the terms with the publisher on behalf of the UK Academic and Research community.

Unlimited publishing in seven PLOS journals (PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS Pathogens, PLOS Genetics, PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, PLOS ONE, PLOS Digital Health, and PLOS Complex Systems) for corresponding authors in return for a flat fee. In addition, PLOS Global Equity.

This agreement provides fees for unlimited publishing for corresponding authors from participating institutions in PLOS' four equity titles: PLOS Water, PLOS Climate, PLOS Global Public Health, and PLOS Mental Health.

UKHSA believes that Jisc Services Limited is the only supplier capable of providing this level of cover due to the fact they are the OEM and do not instruct any third party agents or providers to complete or carry out the service activities on these instruments.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

10 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

JISC SERVICES LIMITED

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02881024

Internet address

<http://www.jisc-content.ac.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: 31,632 USD

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#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: 31,632 USD

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

PLOS is the only supplier who is able to provide this resource. PLOS confirmed that the current deal on offer is only available via Jisc.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

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London

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