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Award

Open Journals Collective

JISC SERVICES LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Open Journals Collective (OJC) is a new initiative co-designed by libraries, scholars, and nonprofit publishers. It establishes the necessary collaborative infrastructure and governance to support diamond open access journals. Building on more than a decade of experience in nonprofit digital journals publishing, the members of the OJC collectively publish c. 300 diamond open access journals published across AHSS and STEM subjects.

Launching in January 2026, the OJC Collections bring together existing journals published by OJC members, including the Open Library of Humanities, UCL Press, LSE Press, Edinburgh Diamond at the University of Edinburgh, Aberdeen University Press, University of Westminster Press, MPub at the University of Michigan Press, eScholarship at the University of California, Stockholm University Press, and others.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract 1

Supplier

- OPEN JOURNALS COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Contract value

- £416,666.67 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 21 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2028
- 2 years, 11 months, 10 days

Description of possible extension:

Two further 12 month extensions are permissible beyond the initial term so I.e. 1+1+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

OPEN JOURNALS COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

- Companies House: 16431892
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYWB-3558-MQHY

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Region: UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

JISC SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 02881024
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZZC-9926-PRNM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government