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## **SHEDL E-Book Collections - Elsevier**

APUC Limited

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

SHEDL E-Book Collections - Elsevier

Reference number

LIB1027 AP

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

APUC is seeking to enter into an agreement with Elsevier B.V. for the Freedom eBook Collection free of Digital Rights Management (DRM).

APUC will not use the content but will facilitate the purchase on behalf of the HE institutions in Scotland and the National Library of Scotland. The Contract value is estimated based on potential participation by its members over the term of the contract.

#### **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: £770,000

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

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

APUC is seeking to enter into an agreement with Elsevier B.V. for access to Elsevier's Freedom Collection free of digital rights management.

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract value is an estimate based on the potential aggregated subscription values over the possible term of 48 months. APUC will not use or make payments under this contract but will facilitate the agreement on behalf of the Scottish HE Institutions and the National Library of Scotland.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - procurement aiming at the creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance

Explanation:

The publishing service is unique to the supplier and sector. The agreement falls within the derogation contained within Regulation 33(b)(i) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, permitting APUC to enter into the direct award.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

LIB1027 AP

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

24 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**

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Country

Netherlands

NUTS code

- NL - Netherlands

Internet address

<https://www.elsevier.com/en-gb>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £770,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

The contract value is estimated based on expenditure aggregated for two years with the option to extend for an additional 2 x 12 month

period.

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

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

Stirling Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court Sheriff Court

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

APUC Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to suppliers. This notification provides information on the award decision. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days.

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

