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Contract

## **EDR-24-008 DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIES NI**

Libraries NI

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0496e6

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Libraries NI

Belfast Central Library, Royal Avenue

Belfast

BT1 1EA

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

[educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22213000 - Magazines

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Education Authority (the Authority) on

behalf of Libraries NI (the Client) invites Tenders for A Digital Lending Platform to include downloadable eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines and eNewspapers ie the Digital Library Offer for a period of 24 months with the option to extend for period(s) of up to and including 24 months.

#### **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: £8,000,000

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

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

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines
- 22210000 - Newspapers
- 79980000 - Subscription services
- 92511000 - Library services
- 79995000 - Library management services
- 48161000 - Library management system
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Platform to include downloadable eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines and eNewspapers ie the Digital Library Offer for a period of 24 months with the option to extend for period(s) of up to and including 24 months.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Digital Library Offer / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Total Overall Cost / Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for any periods up to and including 24 months

#### **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 Contracting Authority can make no commitment or guarantee as to when orders will be placed for the service throughout the period of the Contract or as to the value/volume of the orders.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-005944](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

29 December 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

OVERDRIVE INC.

1 OVERDRIVE WAY

CLEVELAND

441255385

Email

[legalteam@overdrive.com](mailto:legalteam@overdrive.com)

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

Companies House

4405982

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body. with responsibility for appeal/mediation. procedures in public. procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with. by. the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may. be issued regarding alleged. breaches of the PCR 2015.The EA. operated a standstill period (i.e. a. minimum of 10 calendar. days). at the point information on the award of contract was communicated. to tenderers.. That notification provided full information on the. award decision. This provided time for the. unsuccessful tenderers. to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.