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Contract

## **SHEDL eBook Collections - Springer Nature**

APUC Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a0c0

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk>

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.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**

SHEDL eBook Collections - Springer Nature

Reference number

LIB1017AP

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

APUC has entered into a contract with Springer Nature to offer its member institutions access to Springer Nature online books, free of digital rights management (DRM), for up to 4 years.

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#### **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: £2,100,000

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

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **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 has entered into a contract with Springer Nature to offer its member institutions to purchase access to its online eBook Collection. The agreement will be on facilitated by APUC on behalf of the higher education (HE) institutions in Scotland and the National Library of Scotland. APUC will not make any purchases under the agreement

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#### **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 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 or a dynamic purchasing system**

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

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

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

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

### **Contract No**

LIB1017AP

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 March 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

Springer Nature

The Campus, 4 Crinan Street

London

N1 9XS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.springernature.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,100,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:699633)

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

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

Stirling Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, Viewfield Place

Stirling

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