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Tender

Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=66723&B=SUPC

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=66723&B=SUPC

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)

Reference number

LIB4054 SU

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The current 'Serials, Periodicals and Associated Services' agreement is led by SUPC and supported by HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC, and NWUPC along with the four specialist library consortia Academic Libraries North, MUAL, NEYAL, and WHELF. The agreement ran for an initial 2 year period and has had two 12 month extensions, totally four years. It expires on 30th April 2023 and is likely to be extended until 31st July 2023.

The agreement scope remains similar to the current agreement and will cover the supply of serials by subscriptions agents in print and/or electronic formats. This includes current, backissue, backsets and digital archives of periodicals; newspapers and annuals (annual conference proceedings, reports, yearbooks, etc); the journals, memoirs, proceedings, transactions and other similar publications of societies; numbered monographic series; standing orders; standards and databases. Also included are associated services relating to consolidation or usage analysis.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Full subscription management service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is intended for suppliers delivering comprehensive academic library subscription services from any publisher willing to contract via a subscriptions agent, including both print and digital resources with a subscriptions management portal and appropriate consolidation services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall commence on the 1st August 2023 and will last for 2 years, with the option to extend multiple times for up to a further two years to a maximum of 31st July 2027, subject to satisfactory performance and the ongoing needs of members being met.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Although the UK has left the EU, it is possible that some members may have EU funding. A contract notice will be placed with OJEU accordingly.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is intended that Lot 1 will be awarded to a maximum of 4 Suppliers.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Partial subscription management service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 is intended for suppliers who cannot offer the full service but nevertheless offer valuable services to members. It is appropriate for suppliers who may not have a subscriptions management portal or who offer only digital services. A broad range of suppliers might fall into this Lot but they must be able to manage subscription transactions on behalf of members and offer a wide range of publishers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement shall commence on the 1st August 2023 and will last for 2 years, with the option to extend multiple times for up to a further two years to a maximum of 31st July 2027, subject to satisfactory performance and the ongoing needs of members being met.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Although the UK has left the EU, it is possible that some members may have EU funding. A contract notice will be placed with OJEU accordingly.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is intended that Lot 2 will be awarded to a maximum of 6 Suppliers.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 10

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: [2022/S 000-025207](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

30 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

30 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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