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Award

Online Legal Resources

The Lord Chancellor

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

The Lord Chancellor

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Justice

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79970000 - Publishing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

MoJ Commercial are procuring the service for the Judicial Library, of online services to ensure that all judges and legal advisers have access to reliable, authoritative information, in the most appropriate format to enable them to perform their duties effectively.

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: £1,090,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Online services to ensure that all judges and legal advisers have access to reliable, authoritative information, in the most appropriate format to enable them to perform their duties effectively. Some online services are very large, sophisticated databases, delivering a one stop shop for searching across the entire range of UK (and some overseas) legal information. Other services are much smaller and provide specialist content in areas such as crime and immigration.

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

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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The Authority intends to award a contract to Bloomsbury Publishing PLC under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC provides access to an online legal database containing unique content the Authority requires. This content can only be made available from the source publisher i.e. (Bloomsbury Publishing PLC).

Proprietary content which is only published by Bloomsbury Publishing PLC.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 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

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

1984336

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: £1,090,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Justice

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom