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Books, e-books, e-textbooks and associated services

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

18 August 2021, 5:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/30082>

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/ctm/Supplier/Notice/26376>

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

Books, e-books, e-textbooks and associated services

Reference number

LIB4044 SU

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22113000 - Library books

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC) is seeking to establish framework agreements for the purchase of books, e-books, e-textbooks, and associated services for use within the Library and wider University community.

This requirement automatically covers the members of the following higher education regional purchasing consortia: Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC), North East Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC), North West Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC), London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC), Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW).

This requirement automatically covers the members of the following higher education Academic Library consortia: MUAL, NEYAL, NoWAL, Academic Libraries North, and

WHELF.

Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC) may join at a later date.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £360,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Bidders may submit tenders for any combination of Lots with the exception of submitting for both of Lot 4.1 and Lot 4.5. If relevant then the Bidder should submit for whichever of the two Lots is most relevant.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

English language print books for library stock

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 1 only

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: £70,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK.

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Print books published in foreign languages or in countries where English is not the first language

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 2 only.

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: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standing Orders

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 3 only

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: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily UK languages

Lot No

4.1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 4.1 only.

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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK.

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Individual title, package or EBA purchase for access on a third-party platform

Lot No

4.2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets

- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 4.2 only

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: £35,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a

further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Multi-publisher EBA for access via aggregator's own platform

Lot No

4.3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 4.3 only

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: £70

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK.

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Subscriptions for library access

Lot No

4.4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 4.4 only

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: £7,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily non-UK languages

Lot No

4.5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 4.5 only.

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: £7,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

E-textbook access, usually priced by specified number of core users and delivered via an e-textbook platform

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 5 only.

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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

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It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

English language print books for institution department purchase (primarily non-library)

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 6 only.

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: £20,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This agreement is initially for a period of 24 months with options for extensions up to a further 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: Yes

Identification of the project

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funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sales to individuals – staff and students (print or electronic)

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot covers the Award Questionnaire that applies to Lot 7 only.

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: £4,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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II.2.14) Additional information

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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: 20

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: [2020/S 209-511767](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

11 August 2021

Local time

5:00pm

Changed to:

Date

18 August 2021

Local time

5:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 August 2021

Local time

5:00pm

Place

Via Mercell (formerly EU Supply), SUPC's eTendering System.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Two authorised SUPC persons will open the tenders.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The entire tender process will be conducted electronically and suppliers will need to register

their interest online at: <https://uk.eu-spply.com/login.asp?B=SUPC>

All documents will be issued and will need to be returned online.

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An electronic auction will not be used for the award of the framework agreement. Institutions

may choose to use an electronic auction if undertaking a further competition under the Framework Agreement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium

Reading Enterprise Centre, Earley Gate, Whiteknights Road

Reading

RG6 6BU

Email

supc@reading.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

SUPC will incorporate a standstill period at the time information on the award of the contract is

communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision.

The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge.