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Contract

SHEDL eBook Collections - Oxford University Press (OUP)

APUC Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ddd8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SHEDL eBook Collections - Oxford University Press (OUP)

Reference number

LIB1028 AP

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 an agreement with Oxford University Press to offer Scottish Higher Education Digital Library (SHEDL) member institutions access to Oxford Scholarship Online eBook collection and partner presses, free of Digital Rights Management (DRM), for up to 4 years.

APUC will not use the content but will facilitate the purchase on behalf of the HE institutions in Scotland and the National Library of Scotland. The Contract value is estimated based on potential participation by its members

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: £900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

- 22113000 - Library books

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 an agreement with Oxford University Press on behalf of the members of SHEDL for access to Oxford Scholarship Online eBooks collections free of digital rights management.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery & Framework Management / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 70

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract value is an estimate based on the potential aggregated value over the possible term of 48 months. APUC will not

use or make payments under this contract but will facilitate the agreement on behalf of the Scottish HE Institutions and the National Library of Scotland.

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

LIB1028 AP

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 March 2025

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: 0

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

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

Oxford University Press

Great Clarendon Street

Oxford

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+44 0000

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://global.oup.com/academic/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Stirling Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court Sheriff Court

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/stirling-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>