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## Planning E-Books, E-Book Collections and E-Textbooks

**APUC Limited** 

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# Section I: Contracting authority

## I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

#### United Kingdom

#### NUTS code

UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

#### http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1040 2

## I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

E-Books, E-Book Collections and E-Textbooks

Reference number

LIB1024 AP

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 22113000 - Library books

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Authority acting on behalf of the acting on behalf of the HE and FE institutions in Scotland and the members of the Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL) is seeking to appoint Contractors to supply a wide range of academic content in digital format.

The scope will include:

E-Books

**E-Book Collections** 

E-Textbook

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 22112000 Textbooks
- 22113000 Library books
- 64216200 Electronic information 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

The Authority acting on behalf of the acting on behalf of the HE and FE institutions in Scotland and the members

of the Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL) is seeking to appoint Contractors to supply and deliver a wide range of academic content in digital format. This will include E-Books, E-Book Collections (Publishers packages), E-Textbooks and any associated services. The resulting framework agreement will also be Scotland Excel

and its members.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

The lotting structure for this procurement exercise will be determined following market engagement.

### II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2025

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

# Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

It is the intention of the Contracting Authority to hold individual supplier engagement sessions which will enable potential bidders to advise of their service offering and demonstrate their online acquisition platform.

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