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Planning

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

APUC Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-050477

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

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Main address

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk>

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.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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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=796391.

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