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## **LexisLibrary Subscription**

Aberystwyth University

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cf2d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Aberystwyth

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.aber.ac.uk/](http://www.aber.ac.uk/)

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1009](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1009)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

University

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

AU/20211/320/Lexis

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22211000 - Journals

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

An online platform hosting over four thousand legal reports, statutes, and journals, including many that are considered essential resources for universities teaching accredited law degree schemes.

#### **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: £326,365

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 22211100 - Official journals
- 22212000 - Periodicals

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Aberystwyth University

Penglais Campus

Aberystwyth

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The University intends to contract with the only identified provider that fully meets its requirements, for a five year period beginning on 6th September 2021, and is publishing its intentions in this regard via this VEAT notice, to maximise transparency, confirm the process to be followed and the reasons for same.

#### **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

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## **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Following extensive market research the University is of the opinion that its requirements can only be met by the solution suggested by LexisNexis and the justification for this opinion is as follows:

As a provider of Law degrees, the University must provide its staff and students with access to an extensive list of resources, including law reports, statutes, and academic journals. Over the last few years there has been a move from providing these materials in print format towards online provision; the difficulties our users have faced in accessing our print collections over the past sixteen months has given this movement more urgency. LexisLibrary is the only resource that combines online access to many of these essential resources on one platform.

In order to provide full transparency the University is publishing this VEAT Notice to inform the supply market of their intentions and also to confirm that a contract has not been offered currently, to the selected supplier. The University's intention is to publish this notice and allow a 10 day period to pass prior to a contract being offered without prior publication or a call for competition. If a potential supplier believes they can also provide a solution that fully meets these requirements, they can submit a written statement detailing their solution, within the next 10 days and the University will evaluate before moving ahead with any contract award.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 August 2021

#### **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**

LexisNexis

30 Farringdon Street

London

EC4A4HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £326,365

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:112865)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom