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## **Library Resources, Software, and Associated Services**

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

Education

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium Ltd

Public Sector

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Library Resources, Software, and Associated Services

Reference number

CA14346 - CPC/LO/01/2024

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

Supplies

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

This proposal for Library Resources, Software, and Associated Services is a retender of the previous CPC Library Resources and Associated Services framework. There is an expanded scope for this iteration to include bespoke or off the shelf library software which is either proprietary or open source.

Any resulting framework from this exercise will be available to all further education institutions, universities, sixth forms, academies, schools, museums and other similar organisations who are current and future CPC members <https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/members/regions.php> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-information-about-schools>. Local Authorities may wish to use the resulting framework when procuring on behalf of Educational Establishments. The tender is also available to members of NWUPC Ltd <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members> and the wider public sector <https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/suppliers/eligible-public-sector-bodies.php>

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
4

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1: Physical Print and Alternative Format Library Books

Lot No

1

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

- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

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

This Lot scope includes (but is not limited to) the supply of physical books for curriculum and pleasure across all ages and abilities, including textbooks, class sets, fiction and non-fiction material, graphic novels, magazines, in various languages, and including

alternative formats such as large print, braille, audio visual and mixed media, available from e-catalogues or supplier websites. Additional services may include book processing, standing orders, collection curation, demand driven acquisition, and other services as required.

### **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

48

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

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 24 initial month(s) and option to extend 2x12 month(s)

### **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

To be confirmed on a per-project basis

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

lot 2: Electronic and Alternative Format Library eBooks

Lot No

2

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

- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

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

This Lot scope includes (but is not limited to) electronic books for curriculum and pleasure across all ages and abilities, including textbooks, class sets, fiction and non-fiction material, graphic novels, magazines, in various languages, accessible on various reading platforms across various devices and including alternative formats such as audiobook, large print, audio visual and mixed media available from e-catalogues or supplier websites. Services include standing orders, collection curation, demand driven acquisition, and other services as required.

### **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

48

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

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 24 initial month(s) and option to extend 2x12 month(s)

### **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

To be confirmed on a per-project basis

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3: Journal and Periodical Subscription Services

Lot No

3

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

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines
- 22113000 - Library books

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22211100 - Official journals
- 22211000 - Journals

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

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

This Lot scope includes (but is not limited to) subscription services for journals, and periodicals, including books series, yearbooks, indexes, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and compilations of scholarly articles. The journals or periodicals can be physical, electronic or in an alternative format, accessible on various reading platforms across various devices, from various publishers, in various languages, available from e-catalogues or supplier websites. Services include standing orders, consolidation, demand driven acquisition, and other services as required.

### **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

48

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

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 24 initial month(s) and option to extend 2x12 month(s)

### **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

To be confirmed on a per-project basis

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4: Library Software

Lot No

4

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

- 48161000 - Library management system
- 72212160 - Library software development services
- 48160000 - Library software package

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

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

This Lot scope includes (but is not limited to) the onboarding, migration, hosting, development, infrastructure management, updating, implementation, support, maintenance, offboarding, and supply of library software including library management systems, library discovery services, and reading lists, which are open source, proprietary, or off the shelf in nature. Systems may also include additional tools such as book acquisition, stock management, reporting dashboards amongst others.

#### **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

48

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

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 24 initial month(s) and option to extend 2x12 month(s)

#### **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

To be confirmed on a per-project basis

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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

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## **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: 24

#### **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: [2023/S 000-032273](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

5 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

Changed to:

Date

12 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum of a ten calendar day standstill period at the point that information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved then the Public Contract Regulations 2015, provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm, by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court. Any such action must be brought promptly

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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