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Contract

## **Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

111357

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

**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

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)

Reference number

LIB4054 SU

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The current 'Serials, Periodicals and Associated Services' agreement is led by SUPC and supported by HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC, and NWUPC along with the four specialist library consortia Academic Libraries North, MUAL, NEYAL, and WHELF. The agreement ran for an initial 2 year period and has had two 12 month extensions, totally four years. It expires on 30th April 2023 and is likely to be extended until 31st July 2023.

The agreement scope remains similar to the current agreement and will cover the supply of serials by subscriptions agents in print and/or electronic formats. This includes current, backissue, backsets and digital archives of periodicals; newspapers and annuals (annual conference proceedings, reports, yearbooks, etc); the journals, memoirs, proceedings, transactions and other similar publications of societies; numbered monographic series; standing orders; standards and databases. Also included are associated services relating to consolidation or usage analysis.

**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: £250,000,000

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

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

Lot 1 is intended for suppliers delivering comprehensive academic library subscription services from any publisher willing to contract via a subscriptions agent, including both print and digital resources with a subscriptions management portal and appropriate consolidation services

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management & Reporting / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Subscription Management / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Subscription Management System / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Payment, Invoicing & Credits / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20%

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

Although the UK has left the EU, it is possible that some members may have EU funding. A contract notice will be placed with OJEU accordingly.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 1 will be awarded to a maximum of 4 Suppliers.

NB: A lack of bidders for Lot 2 mean that we are awarding this contract based on the requirements and characteristics of Lot 1 only.

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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

#### **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 000-010782](#)

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

### **Contract No**

n/a

### **Title**

Selection Questionnaire

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 - Full subscription management service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 July 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc

6th Floor, Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

607979689

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co. KG

Kreuzberger Ring 7 c-d

Wiesbaden

65205

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

National registration number

DE 113897518

Internet address

[www.harrassowitz.de](http://www.harrassowitz.de)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Prenax Limited

Barrington House

Yeovil

BA20 2HL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

GB756963282

Internet address

<https://www.prenax.com/en-gb>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £250,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,000,000



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

### **Contract No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 - Partial subscription management service

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This framework agreement was initially tendered with 2 lots but a lack of bidders for Lot 2 mean that a non-lotted framework is awarded based on the requirements and characteristics (including GBP value) of Lot 1 only

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

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

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