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

APUC LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e2b6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1040

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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

Reference number

LIB1016 AP

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22113000 - Library books

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking Contractors to supply a wide range of academic content in digital format.

The scope will include:

E-Books

E-Book Collections (Publishers packages)

E-Textbooks

The Authority is acting on behalf of the HE and FE institutions in Scotland, Members of the Scottish Confederation of University and

Research Libraries (SCURL) which includes amongst its members, the National Library of Scotland, the National Museum of Scotland, the

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Scotland Excel and its members.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £31,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Title by Title purchase (including non-English languages) via an Aggregator

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 5 Contractors for the supply and delivery individual titles via an Aggregator.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

Edinburgh and Scotland Excel and its members.

Parties eligible to use the Framework Agreement are as listed in Appendix E - List of Institutions. Members of APUC -

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

Members of Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL)

<https://www.scurl.ac.uk/members>

Members of Scotland Excel - <http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Framework Agreement will commence on the 14.12.2021 for an initial period of 2 years and will expire on the 13.12.2023 The

Authority reserves the right to extend the Framework Agreement for a further 2 x 12 month periods subject to satisfactory performance and

continued requirements of the Authority's members and the members of SCURL

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Publisher Direct (including Title by Title and E-Book Collections) via an Aggregator

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 3 Contractors for the supply and delivery of Title by Title/Collections purchases via the Aggregator's

interface with the content provided on the publisher's platform

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

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Union funds.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Aggregated Subscription Packages via an Aggregator

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 3 Contractors for the supply and delivery of multi-publisher subscriptions with constrained DRM via an

Aggregator's platform.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

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Yes

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Aggregated Perpetual/EBA Packages via an Aggregator

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 5 Contractors for the supply and delivery of multi-publisher packages on a perpetual access/EBA model via an

Aggregator's platform.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

Estimated value for this lot as no historical spend data available

1,000,000 to 2,000,000 GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

E-Textbooks via an Aggregator

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 5 Contractors for the supply and delivery of eTextbook content via an aggregator and hosted on the

aggregator's platform.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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Members of Scotland Excel - <http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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Authority reserves the right to extend the Framework Agreement for a further 2 x 12 month periods subject to satisfactory performance and

continued requirements of the Authority's members and the members of SCURL

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union

funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

Estimated value for lot as no historical spend data available

4,000,000 to 6,000,000 GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Title by Title or E-Book Collections via a Publisher

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 20 Contractors for the supply and delivery of Title by Title or Collections via a Publisher with unconstrained DRM.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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Members of Scotland Excel - <http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

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

Yes

Description of renewals

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continued requirements of the Authority's members and the members of SCURL

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union

funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

Estimated value for the lots as no historical spend data available

5,000,000 to 8,000,000 GBP

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

E-Textbooks via a Publisher

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22113000 - Library books

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the appointment of up to 20 contractors for the supply and delivery of eTextbook content via a Publisher and hosted on the Publisher's

or Aggregator's platform.

This exercise is being undertaken on behalf of the HE/FE Institutions in Scotland and the members of Scottish Confederation of University

and Research Libraries (SCURL), including the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Gardens

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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Yes

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Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Individual call-off contracts under this Framework Agreement may be financed by European

Union funds.

Estimated value for the lot as no historical spend data available

4,000,000 to 6,000,000 GBP

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.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

SUBMISSION OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Prior to the commencement of the Framework Agreement, the Contractor will provide the

Authority with contact details of the

Management Information contact who will be provided with a template spreadsheet/reporting schedule along with a username and password for the management information website <http://www.ucsp.ac.uk/>

Contractors must provide the information on a quarterly basis, within 10 working days

following the start of each quarter by logging into

the website and uploading the template document. If there has been no spend for the quarter then this will still require you to log in and record a nil spend return.

Following the beginning of each new academic year the Authority will provide the Contractor with a new template along with the reporting schedule

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: 30

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

Date

19 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 October 2021

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: February 2025

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

The following should be submitted prior to award. It is for information only and will not be scored.

Form of Tender

Please confirm that you will be in a position to submit prior to award "Appendix A - Form of Tender" in the Technical Questionnaire in

PCS-Tender.

Freedom of Information

Please confirm that you will be in a position to submit prior to award "Appendix B - Freedom of Information" if applicable in the

Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct

Please confirm that you will be in a position to submit prior to award "Appendix D - Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct" in the Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

General Data Protection Regulation

Please confirm that you will be in a position to submit prior to award "Appendix G - GDPR Contractor Assessment Form" in the Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

Serious Organised Crime

Please confirm that you will be in a position to submit prior to award "Appendix H - Declaration of Non-Involvement in Serious Organised Crime" in the Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

Library Management Systems (LMS)- Appendix K

Library Management Systems integration. Please complete and return at time of tender submission, refer to Appendix K in the Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

Sustain Supply Chain Evaluation Tool: Section 1 - Appendix J Sustain Supply Chain Evaluation Tool: Section 1 Appendix J in the

Technical Questionnaire in PCS-Tender.

For Information only

List of Institutions - Appendix E

For list of parties eligible to use the resulting Framework Agreement, please refer to Appendix E-List of Institutions.

Functionality and Platform Test Plan - Appendix I

Functionality and Platform Test Plan to be used for evaluating the Tenderers online platform.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19411. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

It is a requirement that the range of the goods and services to be delivered under this framework agreement will be delivered by each of the main contractors.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community benefits and civic engagement delivered as a result of the framework agreement, such as internships, summer work placements or apprenticeships for students or targeted recruitment and training for priority groups.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Stirling Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/stirling-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session