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Contract

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Journals Library : Production Services

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ32 - Southampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofsouthampton.aspx/Home>

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

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Journals Library : Production Services

Reference number

2021UoS-0341

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22121000 - Technical publications

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The NIHR Journals Library (NJL) currently comprises a suite of five, Open Access, monograph-format journals providing an important and permanent archive of research funded by the NIHR. The ability to ensure a robust editorial and production process in which the NIHR's research programmes and the Department of Health and Social Care have full confidence is an essential requirement of this contract.

A production services supplier will be required by the NJL from July 2022 to provide publishing production services on delivered manuscripts of funded research which will include: project management; full copyediting: typesetting (XML-first); proofreading; artwork - illustration re draw; infographic design; publishing technology support; indexing: PID and metadata management of each issue. The contractor will have an agreed Service Level Agreement and will have access to and maintain relationships with authors, editors and the NETSCC Editorial Office.

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: £6,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79822000 - Composition services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University is seeking to engage a supplier with a strong track record of successfully delivering publishing production services within scholarly communications field. During 2022, the NIHR Journal Library (NJL) plans to transition to a new publishing model - a "threaded-publication" format. Instead of publishing a monograph the NJL will publish a series of shorter research articles during the course of the research, that will report on the different elements of the commissioned work - then threading the articles and a synopsis document together online to provide complete publication of the commissioned research.

To achieve this, the following activities summarise what is considered within scope of this procurement:

- Editorial and production management of NJL peer-reviewed and accepted manuscripts through to delivery of files that meet NJL publishing model and web platform specification
- To include copy-edit, artwork redraw, Typesetting XML-First, proofing, metadata management, Indexing.
- Journal development - there will be variations to the contract during the contracting period relating to an increase to the numbers of expected manuscripts
- The provision or management of the NJL website is excluded from the scope of this project.

Total and complete publication of research findings is part of the NIHR's commitment to the principles of open access and adding value to all stages of research, ensuring best use of public money to benefit the health and wealth of the nation.

The NIHR was the world's first health and care research funder to publish comprehensive accounts of its commissioned research within its own publicly and permanently available online journal series. The NIHR Journals Library currently comprises a suite of five open access peer-reviewed journals reporting results from a range of health and care research areas.

They are:

- Health Technology Assessment
- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation
- Health and Social Care Delivery Research
- Public Health Research
- Programme Grants for Applied Research

A sixth journal, Global Health Research, is in development and will be added to the suite of journals during the proposed contract term.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive dialogue

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2021UoS-0341

Title

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Journals Library: Production Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Newgen Publishing UK Limited

Willow Court, Beeches Green

Stroud

GL5 4BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Companies House

6754291

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £6,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Southampton

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Country

United Kingdom