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Award

Library Services subscriptions

Coventry University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry University

Priory Street

COVENTRY

CV15FB

Email

ad7747@coventry.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Library Services subscriptions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

- Transitioning to an alternative LMS at this time, with different technical and operational characteristics, would significantly impact on resources, process changes, and cause disproportionate disruption to students and staff.
- Coventry's current fiscal and HR challenges are especially pertinent to this consideration
- The streamlining of multiple products will enhance systems integrations, reduce systems creep, and reduce internal development requirements
- The bundling of multiple products will improve the efficiency of internal processes, reducing bureaucratic costs
- The bundled package is exclusively available from Clarivate, the publisher / owner of the various solutions
- Associated risks are financial, technical (including information security) and reputational.

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: £1,027,361.83

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University intends to award a contract for three years, with an option of plus one, for a package comprising its' current library management system (LMS) plus the addition of research databases, to Clarivate, a specialist in content, research and analytics, and library software for the library sector. The University has determined that transitioning to an alternative LMS at this time with different technical and operational characteristics would significantly impact on resources, process changes, and cause disproportionate disruption to its students and staff. The current library management system, Alma, is already integrated within the University, and adoption of a different system (with different technical architecture) would mean considerable additional development effort and costs. The additional upgrade solutions included in the Clarivate package - Leganto and RapidILL - integrate with the University's existing LMS and will reduce systems creep, improve efficiencies, and allow for cost savings. Alma, and the associated solutions, is owned, supplied, and supported exclusively by Ex Libris, part of Clarivate. Academic Complete and ProQuest Central are databases exclusive to ProQuest, part of Clarivate, and bundling as part of a wider package will afford The University improved terms. The risks associated with the proposition are financial, technical (including information security) and reputational. The University therefore intends to issue a contract to Clarivate for the move to the package solution for the reasons stated above.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2024

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

Clarivate Analytics (UK) Ltd

70 St. Mary Axe

London

EC3A 8BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

03940169

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: £1,027,361.83

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry University

Coventry

CV1 5FB

Country

United Kingdom