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## **Books, e-books and associated services**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

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Prior information only

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

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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.3) Communication**

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/88552>

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Books, e-books and associated services

Reference number

LIB4061 SU

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

Supplies

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

Framework agreement for the supply of books, e-books and associated resources and services. This tender is split into 9 Lots. Participating consortia cover universities and other Public Sector members including (but not limited to) schools, colleges, Multi-Academy Trusts, government departments and research institutes across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The named consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, Academic Libraries North, NEYAL, MUAL, and WHELF.

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

Value excluding VAT: £450,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Suppliers may bid on any appropriate combination of Lots with the following exceptions:

1. Suppliers may not bid for both Lot 1 and Lot 2
2. Suppliers bidding on Lot 8 may not bid on any other e-book Lot (Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7)

SUPC reserves the right to change the Lot structure between issuing this PIN and issuing the Contract Notice

## **II.2) Description**

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

Print publications: standard suppliers for library stock?

Lot No

1

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

- 22113000 - Library books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Large-scale and library-focussed suppliers of printed publications and other hard copy materials including but not limited to maps, music scores, DVDs, CDs, Standing Orders and out-of-print materials. Suppliers must be capable of meeting operational requirements such as metadata provision, shelf-ready servicing, and interoperability with Library Management Systems. Suppliers may bid for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 but not both.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Print publications: specialist suppliers for library stock

Lot No

2

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

- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22113000 - Library books
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Specialist suppliers of printed publications and other hard copy materials such as maps, music scores, DVDs, CDs, Standing Orders. Suppliers will specialise according to factors such as language, region of publication, material type, subject, etc. Suppliers may bid for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 but not both.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Print publications: supply to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, academic departments (generally non-library)

Lot No

3

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22111000 - School books
- 22112000 - Textbooks

- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Supply of printed publications and other hard copy materials, generally for non-library purposes of academic departments, schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, and other public sector organisations. Associated goods relating to reading provision may be supplied under this Lot where a dedicated framework is not required.

## **II.2) Description**

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

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase

Lot No

4

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Title-by-title purchasing of e-books via an aggregator platform for delivery via the aggregator's own platform. Packages may be offered, as may DDA and EBA

programmes. Suppliers must offer perpetual access licences but may also offer alternatives (eg. 365 day licences) where perpetual licensing is not available.

## **II.2) Description**

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

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase for third-party platform

Lot No

5

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Title-by-title purchasing of e-books via an aggregator platform for delivery via a third party or publisher platform. Packages may be offered, as may DDA and EBA programmes. Suppliers must offer perpetual access licences but may also offer alternatives (eg. 365 day licences) where perpetual licensing is not available.

## **II.2) Description**

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

E-book aggregator: subscription packages

Lot No

6

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

Subscription e-book packages via aggregator's own platform. Packages may include wider digital content in addition to e-books. Package content must be pre-defined in nature and not bespoke selections of titles

## **II.2) Description**

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

E-book aggregator: e-textbooks

Lot No

7

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations within the UK

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

E-textbook access via an aggregator e-textbook platform. Title selections may be bespoke or pre-defined packages

## **II.2) Description**

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

E-books: specialist and innovative solutions

Lot No

8

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

- 22113000 - Library books

### **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**

Specialised e-book solutions for delivery via Supplier's own platform. This Lot offers a route to market for solutions that do not fit the specification of other e-book Lots (Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7). Solutions might include those that are not specifically designed for the HE market, that deliver specialist content, or that offer alternative business models that don't fit in another Lot. Suppliers bidding for this Lot may not bid for any other e-book Lot (Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7).

## **II.2) Description**

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

Sales to individual staff/students and bursary provision

Lot No

9

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books

### **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**

Where a member wishes to set up an approved supplier for individual staff or students to purchase hard copy or digital materials. Bursary provision may also be facilitated where operated on a credit basis and the supplier meets individual member requirements. In these cases, bursaries may include a wider scope of goods that support learning.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

25 October 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The intention is to run a restricted (2 stage) procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations (2015). The timeline is subject to change so the following is given as an indication only:

25th Oct 2024 - publication of Contract Notice and Stage 1 (Selection Questionnaire)

2nd Dec 2024 - deadline for Stage 1 submissions

6th Jan 2025 - publication of Stage 2 (Technical Questionnaire)

11th Feb 2025 - deadline for Stage 2 submissions

Late March 2025 - contract award and standstill

April 2025 - contracting and implementation

1st May 2025 - new framework goes live