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Award

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Journals Agreement 2022

Jisc

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

National Research and Education Network Provider

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Journals Agreement 2022

Reference number

Proc1686

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Jisc is seeking to enter into a contract with The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to offer Jisc members the opportunity to subscribe to journals provided by AAAS. AAAS provide cutting-edge research through its six peer-reviewed journals: Science: the premier global science weekly; Science Signaling: the journal of cell signaling and regulatory biology; Science Translational Medicine: integrating medicine, engineering and science to promote human health; Science Immunology: research articles that report critical advances in all areas of immunological research; Science Robotics: original, peer-reviewed, science or engineering-based research articles that advance the field of robotic; Science Advances: an open access journal for all sciences.

The service is being contracted on behalf of our members, not for Jisc Collections' own use.

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: 739,500 USD

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract value is an estimate based on the aggregate sum of the licence fees that will be paid to the supplier by Jisc member institutions over the one year term of the contract. Jisc Collections itself makes no payment to the supplier for this service.

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:

The publishing service and content is unique to the supplier. Therefore Jisc is clear that the arrangement falls within the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights, contained within Regulation 32 (2) (b) (iii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, permitting Jisc to enter into the direct award.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

5 October 2021

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

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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WASHINGTON DC

DC 20005 U

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: 739,500 USD

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Limited will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to suppliers. This notification provides information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for suppliers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 article 91 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).