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Opportunity

## **376F\_22 Library Stock**

ESPO

F02: Contract notice

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

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

ESPO

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

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LE19 1ES

#### **Contact**

Food, Communities and Technology Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[tenders@espo.org](mailto:tenders@espo.org)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1162944008

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.espo.org/>

**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.eastmidstenders.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Local Authority Services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

376F\_22 Library Stock

Reference number

376F\_22

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

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products

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

Supplies

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

ESPO intends to renew its existing framework covering the supply of library stock materials. The resulting framework will feature multiple suppliers, and will include categories of print books such as, adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books and reference material. Stock will generally be required to be supplied 'serviced', i.e. complete with stock labels, date stamps, RFID tags, etc.

To tender: (a) Go to [www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org), (b) Register (c) Search for tender opportunity '376F\_22' d) Express an interest (e) Access and download the tender from the website.

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

Value excluding VAT: £75,000,000

#### **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**

Adult Stock

Lot No

1

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

- 22110000 - Printed books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This lot will include the following stock categories:

- Adult fiction
- Adult non-fiction
- Reference

Suppliers will be expected to be able to provide stock from within all of the above categories.

Stock will generally be required to be supplied 'serviced', i.e. complete with stock labels, date stamps, RFID tags, etc.

The following is applicable to all lots:

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially

similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders' information only.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £41,250,000

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

Start date

1 April 2022

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Children's Stock

Lot No

2

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

- 22110000 - Printed books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This lot will include the following stock categories:

- Children's fiction
- Children's non-fiction

Suppliers will be expected to be able to provide stock from within both of the above categories.

Stock will generally be required to be supplied 'serviced', i.e. complete with stock labels, date stamps, RFID tags, etc.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £26,250,000

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

Start date

1 April 2022

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Adult and Children's Stock

Lot No

3

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

- 22110000 - Printed books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This lot will include the following stock categories:

- Adult fiction
- Adult non-fiction
- Reference
- Children's fiction
- Children's non-fiction

Suppliers will be expected to be able to provide stock from within both of the above categories.

Stock will generally be required to be supplied 'serviced', i.e. complete with stock labels, date stamps, RFID tags, etc.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

Start date

1 April 2022

End date



31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

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## **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.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

ESPO shall monitor the financial stability of the awarded Suppliers during the period of the Framework Agreement by reference to credit ratings agency reports. ESPO shall obtain a credit score for the Supplier on or before the Framework start date as a base score and where a significant change in the credit score is identified over the life of the Framework Agreement, ESPO reserves the right to investigate the reasons for this significant change. Depending on the severity of the changes, it will be at the sole discretion of ESPO to suspend or even permanently remove the Supplier from the Framework Agreement.

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## **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

#### **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 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 2 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

19 November 2021

Local time

12:05pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.justice.gov.uk/>

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

ESPO will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by ESPO as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2105 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order for any document to be amended and may award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order for a fine to be paid, and/or order the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

