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Tender

Framework Agreement for the provision of e-Resources for East Midlands Library (EMLIB) Consortium

Nottinghamshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2c564318-4a3b-ed11-8119-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2c564318-4a3b-ed11-8119-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for the provision of e-Resources for East Midlands Library (EMLIB) Consortium

Reference number

DN632795

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92511000 - Library services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Nottinghamshire County Council (the Council) is undertaking this procurement on behalf of the East Midlands Libraries (EMLIB) Consortium to establish a framework agreement for the supply of a range of e-Resources, namely e-Books, e-Audiobooks, e-Magazines and e-Newspapers.

East Midlands Libraries (EMLIB) Consortium and joint procurement approach

There are 7 councils currently within the Consortium, all neighbouring authorities in the East Midlands regions.

1) Culture, Learning and Libraries (Midlands) (known as “Inspire”) (i.e., Nottinghamshire County Council’s Libraries operating as a charitable organisation)

2) Nottingham City Council

3) Derbyshire County Council

4) Derby City Council

5) Leicestershire County Council

6) Leicester City Council

7) Rutland County Council

This is a collaborative procurement exercise undertaken by all the Consortium members listed above. Any resulting framework agreement will be entered into by Inspire. Each Consortium member will be able to access the framework and will be responsible for sourcing the services they require with each supplier and will enter individual call-off contracts.

The term of the framework agreement will be for 4 years from 1st April 2023, with an opportunity to extend for a further 2 years in 12-month increments, making the maximum term 6 years.

This new framework agreement will replace the current framework 'Provision of e-Resources for East Midlands Library (EMLIB) consortium' reference DN377239 which will end on the 31st of March 2023.

This is a new competitive procurement process using an open procedure conducted in accordance with the light touch regime of the Public Procurement 2015 Regulations and advertised in the Find a Tender Service Find high value contracts in the public sector - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Please read all the tender documents. If you have any questions, please submit them through the procurement portal using the messaging facility.

To register your interest in this tender and to view the tender documents, the tender is published on <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Reference DN632795

The closing date for all tenders is the 28th of October 2022 at 14:00 hours.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 e-Books

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of eBooks.

The Consortium requires the provision of a wide range of eBooks.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

48

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

There are two twelve month extensions available

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 e-Audiobooks

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of e-Audiobooks

The Consortium requires the provision of a wide range of e-Audiobooks across the age ranges - children, young adults, adults for both fiction and non-fiction.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

48

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

There are two 12 month extensions available

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - e-Magazines

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of e-Magazines

The Consortium requires the provision of a wide range of e-Magazines

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

48

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

There are two twelve month extensions

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 e-Newspapers

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of e-Newspapers.

The Consortium requires the provision of a wide range of e-Newspapers

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

48

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

There are two twelve months extensions available.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Bidders must complete the Selection Questionnaire (SQ) on-line.

Quality Response, often referred to as “Method Statements”, bidders must complete the Quality Response questions, On-line for each lot they are bidding for.

Bidders must complete and submit a pricing offer.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Overall weighting for Quality 60%

Overall weighting for Price 40%

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

28 October 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

19 December 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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