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Contract

Print Subscription Agreement

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0499a8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00396

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Print Subscription Agreement

Reference number

SCTS-2024-038

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22120000 - Publications

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

25 subscription titles (including law reports and looseleaf services) maintained by the Supreme

Courts Library Service.

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: £205,519

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

25 subscription titles (including law reports and looseleaf services) maintained by the Supreme Courts Library Service.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

As per to Regulation 33 (1)(b)(ii), competition is absent for technical reasons as no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement. LexisNexis holds a de-facto monopoly as the primary supplier of unique products (textbooks, law reports, journals and loose-leaf titles) on niche areas of law and is exclusively covering particular commonwealth jurisdictions (de-facto monopoly). Despite attempts to explore alternatives through intermediaries, LexisNexis remains the singular entity capable of offering a more favourable agreement. The distinctive nature of their role limits the feasibility of open competition. Opting for a Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication allows SCTS to engage directly with LexisNexis, facilitating negotiations for a long-term contract.

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

Contract No

SCTS-2024-038

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RELX (UK) Ltd t/a LexisNexis

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £205,519

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom