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Contract

## **Library Services subscriptions**

Coventry University

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-031170

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04876f

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

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

Coventry University

Priory Street

COVENTRY

CV15FB

#### **Contact**

Miss Rani

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#### **Telephone**

+44 2477658021

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG33 - Coventry

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.coventry.ac.uk>

**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**

Library Services subscriptions

Reference number

FRAM-1385-24-TH

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

Clarivate Content and SaaS bundle including:

bX : Subscription

Primo : Subscription

Alma : Subscription

Leganto

RapidILL

Academic Complete: UKI Edition

ProQuest Central

#### **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: £1,027,361

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79980000 - Subscription services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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

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

Price

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

Options: No

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## **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:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Published a VEAT on 2nd August 2024 outlining the full justification, which is below:

The University intends to award a contract for three years, with an option of plus one, for a package comprising its' current library management system (LMS) plus the addition of research databases, to Clarivate, a specialist in content, research and analytics, and library software for the library sector. The University has determined that transitioning to an alternative LMS at this time with different technical and operational characteristics would significantly impact on resources, process changes, and cause disproportionate disruption to its students and staff. The current library management system, Alma, is already integrated within the University, and adoption of a different system (with different technical architecture) would mean considerable additional development effort and costs. The additional upgrade solutions included in the Clarivate package - Leganto and RapidILL - integrate with the University's existing LMS and will reduce systems creep, improve efficiencies, and allow for cost savings. Alma, and the associated solutions, is owned, supplied, and supported exclusively by Ex Libris, part of Clarivate. Academic Complete and ProQuest Central are databases exclusive to ProQuest, part of Clarivate, and bundling as part of a wider package will afford The University improved terms. The risks associated with the proposition are financial, technical (including information security) and reputational. The University therefore intends to issue a contract to Clarivate for the move to the package solution for the reasons stated above.

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-024400](#)

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 September 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Ex Libris (UK) Limited

8th Floor 70 St. Mary Axe

London

EC3A 8BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

03438440

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,027,361

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Coventry

Priory Street

Coventry

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Country

United Kingdom