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## **Provision of News Aggregator Library Service - UK Parliament**

The Corporate Officer of the House of Lords and the Corporate Officer of the House of Commons

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**22 November 2023, 12:00pm**

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

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

The Corporate Officer of the House of Lords and the Corporate Officer of the House of Commons

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**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/parliamentuk.aspx/Home>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/parliamentuk.aspx/Home>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

The Corporate Officer of the House of Lords and the Corporate Officer of the House of Commons

Victoria Street

Westminster, London

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/parliamentuk/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of News Aggregator Library Service - UK Parliament

Reference number

PI1301649

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

- 75110000 - General public services

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

Services

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

The Authority requires a news database for UK, regional and international titles with a substantial archive and the ability for all users, including Library customers, to create alerts and export their preferred search results.

Specific requirements are:

- An intuitive and easy to use interfaces that meet the needs of both general users (who require a quick, simple search facility) and specialist researchers (who require the ability to combine multiple search terms/fields and refine/filter their results).
- Ability to use a drop down menu or similar to limit searches by pre-defined groups of titles, such as UK newspapers, UK broadsheets, UK tabloids, UK regionals, all English news, UK publications, all news, European news.
- The ability to search by an individual title or publication.
- The ability to search just within headline or author as well as within the full article.

- Ability to filter their results by date range, by subject, by publication name and by type.
- Users ability to recall searches from their recent search history.
- The service must provide the ability for users to de-duplicate their search results.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,670,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 48160000 - Library software package

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

UKP, Palace of Westminster,

Westminster

LONDON

SW1A 0AA

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

Provision of a news database for UK, regional and international titles with a substantial archive and the ability for all users, including Library customers, to create alerts and export their preferred search results.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 56

Quality criterion - Name: Non-Functional Requirements / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,670,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial Term of 36 months with optional extension of 12 + 12 months

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

See the Suitability Questionnaire (SQ) and the SQ Guidance document.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

See the Suitability Questionnaire (SQ) and the SQ Guidance document

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

See the SQ documentation for this information.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

Originally published as:

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Date

22 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

**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: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

22 November 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

The intention is to use the In-Tend e-Sourcing Portal for the SQ/ITT Publishing.

In-Tend e-Sourcing Portal:

Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this

opportunity. The information and ITT documents for this opportunity are available on the

Parliamentary e-sourcing portal In-Tend. You must register on the In-Tend site to respond to

this opportunity: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/parliamentuk/asp/Home>

Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you. The deadline for submitting your response(s) is detailed within this contract notice and the ITT/SQ documents.

ITT/SQ submissions must be uploaded to the portal; electronic responses submitted via e-mail are not acceptable. Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this opportunity prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload

documents. If you are experiencing problems, please contact the PCD Support

team via email: [pcd@parliament.uk](mailto:pcd@parliament.uk) or call +44 (0)207 219 1600 or contact InTend Helpdesk [support@in-tend.com](mailto:support@in-tend.com) or call us on 0845 557 8079 / +44 (0) 114 407 0065 for further assistance.

Please visit In-Tend (link above) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

To access the ITT/SQ documents select the tender reference 'PI1301649' - 'News Aggregator Library Service - UK Parliament' in the 'current tenders' list, click on the 'view tender details' and express interest by clicking on the button provided.

If you need to register, your company details will be required, thereafter you will be issued with a username and password. If you have previously registered with In-Tend, please follow

the link shown which will redirect you to the home page where you can log on using your existing username and password to collect the tender documents. If you have registered and forgotten your username and password, click on the 'forgotten password' link on the In-Tend homepage.

Subject to applicable law:

The Authority reserves the right in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Procurement or otherwise at any time and without prior notice to:

1. change or waive the basis, requirements, scope, content, procedures, structure and/or timescale for the Procurement in whole or in part as it considers appropriate, including:

a) issuing updated, amended and/or replacement documentation or information including all or part of the SQ/ITT or Contract;

b) adding, removing, amending or replacing components from the scope of any requirement;

c) adding, removing, amending, replacing, postponing or re-ordering any stages, phases or steps of the Procurement;

d) varying the Procurement timings or deadlines (including the timetable set out in section 3); or

e) varying the permitted methods or contact details for submitting Proposals or communications with the Authority;

2. require Bidders to:

a. submit updated, amended or replacement versions of all or part of Bidder's Proposals; or

b. provide any additional, supplementary or clarificatory information, explanations or verifications that it may consider appropriate;

3. reject all or part of any Proposal or re-invite Proposals on the same or an alternative basis;

4. disqualify any Bidder who:

a. provides information or confirmations which later prove to be untrue or incorrect or does not supply the information required by the Authority during the Procurement process; or

b. fails the SQ on the grounds of a previous security breach (Reg 23(4)(e)) or reliability (Reg 23(4)(f)).

c. does not, in the Authority's opinion, comply with the provisions of this SQ or any other requirement of the Authority in connection with the Procurement that may from time-to-time be notified to the Bidders;

5. withdraw all or part of this Procurement;

6. terminate all or part of the Procurement;

7. award a contract without prior notice; or

8. not award any contract(s) as a result of the Procurement.

Conflicts of Interest:

The Authority wishes to ensure that Applicants are treated equally and in a nondiscriminatory

manner during the Procurement, and that conflicts of interest do not

undermine fair competition, therefore, the Authority wishes to identify conflicts of interest

and assess Applicants' strategies for their elimination or mitigation as early as possible in the

Procurement.

Please see the SQ documentation regarding Conflicts of Interest declaration.

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

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

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