

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/031288-2024>

Award

## **Bioscientifica Journals Transitional Read and Publish 2025-2026**

Jisc Services Limited

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-031288

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a46d

Published 1 October 2024, 10:34am

### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Jisc Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

#### **Contact**

Claire Forkner

#### **Email**

[procurement@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@jisc.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

02881024

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

---

**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Bioscientifica Journals Transitional Read and Publish 2025-2026

Reference number

Proc2703

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Jisc Services Limited intend to enter into a contract with Bioscientifica Limited for a Read and Publish transitional agreement that covers four hybrid journals and archives, including

read access and unlimited open access publishing for a fixed fee. This contract is for Jisc members to use and not for Jisc's own use.

#### **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: £220,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Jisc Services Limited intend to enter into a contract with Bioscientifica Limited for a Read and Publish transitional agreement that covers four hybrid journals and archives, including read access and unlimited open access publishing for a fixed fee. This contract is for Jisc members to use and not for Jisc's own use.

#### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Bioscientifica is the sole rightsholder and supplier of this resource.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

27 September 2024

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

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

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

Bioscientifica Limited

Starling House

Bristol

BS34 8YU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £220,000

---

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The scope of the Framework covers purchases by Higher Education institutions, Further Education and Specialist Colleges and Research Council establishments in the UK, and by any other organisations connected to the Janet network, including Local Authorities, Regional Broadband Consortia, or other bodies whose core purpose is the support or advancement of further or higher education or of research.

The services are also available for use by any National Research and Education Network (NREN) and the community it serves where the NREN has either a direct connection to Janet or the NREN is a member at any time during the period of this framework of the consortium that operates GÉANT. GÉANT is the pan-European research and education network that interconnects Europe's NRENs. A list of members of the GÉANT consortium (GÉANT Partners) may be found at the URL below. GÉANT may also use this framework. As HEAnet, the NREN of the Republic of Ireland, is connected both to Janet and is a member of the GÉANT consortium, the framework is available for use by HEAnet, its subsidiaries, member institutions and customers to include schools serviced by the HEAnet school's network.

Many of the above organisations are members of higher and further education purchasing consortia. These consortia are independent organisations that provide a wide range of collaborative purchase agreements to their member institutions. Any member of one of these consortia will be eligible to purchase from this framework by virtue of its membership, as will members of any other similar purchasing consortium in higher or further education that might be formed during the lifetime of the framework.

Membership lists for existing higher and further education purchasing consortia may be found at:

<https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>

<https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

<http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

<http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

<http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

<http://www.geant.net/About/Pages/home.aspx>

<https://www.heanet.ie/about>

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

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

Jisc Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NA

Email

[procurement@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@jisc.ac.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to suppliers. This notification provides information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for suppliers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 article 91 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).