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Contract

## **Publishing Partner - University of Aberdeen**

University of Aberdeen

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041a2b

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

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

University of Aberdeen

University Office, King's College

Aberdeen

AB24 3FX

#### **Email**

[e-sourcing@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:e-sourcing@abdn.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/procurement>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00102](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00102)

#### **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**

Publishing Partner - University of Aberdeen

Reference number

AU23/22

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

- 79970000 - Publishing services

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

Services

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

Combined Open Access Publishing Services and infrastructure.

#### **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: £600,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79970000 - Publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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

Combined Open Access Publishing Services and Infrastructure

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 3 year term with 7 x optional 1 year extensions. Value above is based on maximum 10 years.

Value is estimated as dependent on how often the service is used.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Michigan Publishing Services (MPS) aligns with the values of Aberdeen University Press to operate entirely within the university sector, independent of and without reliance on commercial and third parties, and to be as inclusive as possible of all researchers seeking to publish openly, anywhere in the world.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

AU23/22

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

14 November 2023

#### 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: 1

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**

Michigan Publishing Services

919 S University Ave

Ann Arbor

48109

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom