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Contract

## **PLOS OA Membership 2024**

Jisc Services Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040f25

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

#### **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>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/87175>

**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**

PLOS OA Membership 2024

Reference number

Proc2354

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Jisc Services Limited has entered into a contract with Public Library of Science for one year of

publishing rights for corresponding authors from participating institutions covering some or all

of following equity titles (dependant upon selected subscription type) : PLOS Biology; PLOS

Medicine, Water, PLOS Climate, PLOS Global Public Health, PLOS ONE, PLOS Genetics,

PLOS Pathogens, PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, PLOS Digital Health. The agreement will be 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: 1,000,000 USD

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **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

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

Explanation:

PLOS is the only supplier who is able to provide this resource.

Therefore Jisc is clear that the arrangement falls within the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights, contained within Regulation 32 (2) (b) (iii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, permitting Jisc to enter into the direct award.

#### 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: [2023/S 000-031575](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

13 November 2023

**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**

Public Library of Science

1265 Battery Street

San Francisco

CA94111

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: 1,000,000 USD

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Jisc Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Limited incorporated a standstill period at the point information about

the contract was shared by means of a VEAT notice. The VEAT notification provided information on the award decision. The standstill period, thereafter, which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for suppliers to challenge the award decision before the contract was 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)