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Elsevier Knovel Agreement 2025-2030

Jisc Services Limited

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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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**

Elsevier Knovel Agreement 2025-2030

Reference number

Proc2748

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 is entering into a contract with Elsevier B.V. for Knovel which is a web-based application integrating technical information with analytical and search tools and is available as a complete collection or as a customised collection from over 35 subject and content options. The contract is for use of Knovel by Jisc member institutions, not by Jisc itself.

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: £3,000,000

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.2.11) 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:

This service can only be provided by this particular economic operator.

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

5 November 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

Elsevier B.V.

Radarweg 29

Amsterdam

1043 NX

Country

Netherlands

NUTS code

- NL - Netherlands

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: £3,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The scope of the framework covers purchases by public sector organisations, including but not limited to the following:

- Higher Education institutions
- Further Education institutions
- Consortiums and any other Organisation or Body whose core purpose is the support or advancement of further or higher education or of research.
- Any other education institute such a School or College
- Multi Academy Trusts and other such organisations established and acting on behalf of Schools and Colleges
- Specialist Colleges
- Research councils and other such organisations (including those established for the provision of both education and research
- Charities and Third sector organisations
- Local Authorities
- Housing Associations
- NHS bodies and bodies acting on behalf of the NHS
- Emergency services and bodies acting on behalf of the NHS
- Regional Broadband Consortia and any other the organisations connected to or eligible to connect to the Janet network.
- JSL, Jisc, any Jisc subsidiaries and its members.
- Any other wider public sector organisation.

This framework is open to organisations in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, as well as members of NRENs outside the UK.

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.

The Framework is 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, or 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.

The framework is available for use by HEAnet, its subsidiaries, member institutions and customers to include schools serviced by the HEAnet school's network. As HEAnet, the NREN of the Republic of Ireland, is connected both to Janet and is a member of the GÉANT consortium.

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

- <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list> (<https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>)
- <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>
(<https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>)
- <http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members> (<http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>)
- <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/members> (<http://www.neupc.ac.uk/members>)
- <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/> (<http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>)
- <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members> (<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>)
- <https://www.heanet.ie/who-we-are>
- <https://about.geant.org/membership/members-associates-general-assembly-representatives/>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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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).