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Contract

## **Optics Infobase 2025- 2026**

Jisc Services Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0486a7

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

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

Jisc Services Limited

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#### **Contact**

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#### **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**

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Reference number

Proc2639

#### **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 has entered into contract with Optica Publishing Group to offer Jisc members the opportunity to subscribe to its online journals in the field of optics, and also to

publish open access articles in those journals. This contract is 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: 1,440,000 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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members the opportunity to subscribe to its online journals in the field of optics, and also to

publish open access articles in those journals. This contract is not for Jisc's own use. The contract is to run for one year.

#### **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:

Optica Publishing Group is the rightsholder and sole supplier of this content and the only supplier able to offer this service.

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-024097](#)

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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 December 2024

**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

2108 N Street Suite N

Sacramento

CA95816

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: 140,000 USD

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## 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**

Jisc Services Limited

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Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Jisc Services Limited

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Bristol

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United Kingdom

**VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Ltd incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to suppliers. The VEAT notice provided information on the award decision. The standstill period, 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).

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Jisc Services Limited

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom