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Contract

Bioscientifica Journals Transitional Read and Publish 2025-2026

Jisc Services Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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

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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

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 has entered 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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

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:

Bioscientifica is the sole rightsholder and supplier of this resource.

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 000-031288](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 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

Bioscientifica Limited

Starling House

Bristol

BS34 8YU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £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

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Country

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 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).