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Contract

## **PLOS Community Action Publishing 2025**

Jisc Services Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b03f

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

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

Jisc Services Limited

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Bristol

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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**

PLOS Community Action Publishing 2025

Reference number

Proc2733

#### **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 Public Library of Science for Jisc members publishing in PLOS Biology and/or PLOS Medicine and/or PLOS Sustainability and Transformation. Jisc members pay an annual participation fee for un-metered (uncapped) publishing. Participating institutions will be part of a community supporting a new funding model for highly-selective open access journals

#### **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: £306,799.58

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 80000000 - 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

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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:

The supplier is the rightsholder to the IP of the content and the sole supplier of this unique 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.1.3) 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 000-034197](#)

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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**

16 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 (PLOS)

2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento

CA

95816

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: £306,799.58

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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 as Schools or Colleges

Multi Academy Trusts and other such organisations established and acting on behalf Schools and Colleges

Specialist Colleges Research Council establishments

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.

The 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

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NA

Email

[procurement@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@jisc.ac.uk)

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 on the award of the contract was shared by means of a VEAT notice. This notification 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).