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Award

Provision of Law Trove Access

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

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Scope

Reference

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Description

DMU is seeking access to the leading publisher of legal educational materials, of which Law Trove provides. The content of Law Trove provides fully searchable access to approximately 200 OUP law textbooks covering all modules on the DMU LLB programmes. The subscription would provide access to the service for staff and students across the university. The service is a unique one resulting from OUP's dominant position in the legal publishing field.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Oxford University Press

Contract value

- £225,528.09 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 92511000 - Library services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

It is proposed, under the Procurement Act 2023, that Direct Awards are permissible under specific circumstances, where competition is not feasible or practical. This justification is that of Schedule 5, Single Suppliers, Section 5 (a)(b):

"The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract

(a) Due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) There are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works."

As noted in the prior rationale, OUP is the leading publisher of legal educational materials and Law Trove provides fully searchable access to approx. 200 law texts. The service Subscription to OUP's Law Trove is a unique one resulting from OUP's dominant position in the legal publishing field.

Other Law providers, such as LexisNexis and Westlaw, provide access to a wide range of legal materials including legislation, case law, legal research, legal journals and other materials, but which do not cover the contents of Law Trove. DMU's LLB programmes and requirements can be met with the utilisation of OUP's Law Trove.

The direct award ensures that the project remains consistent to budget, appropriate for the LLB courses syllabus and avoiding the potential delays and additional costs associated with seeking multiple alternative providers. Whereas OUP's Law Trove affords a single point of access for all required materials

Supplier

Oxford University Press

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYVB-9591-LMVZ

Oxford University Press, Great Clarendon Street

Oxford

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

- Charity Commission (England and Wales): XN85208
- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10001883
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZY-8857-XDBL

The Gateway

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