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## **DoF Procurement of monographs for NICS Libraries**

Department of Finance

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

5943773

### **Description**

The Department of Finance (DoF) requires the supply and delivery of monographs in both print and electronic format to all beneficiaries of the contract including the NICS libraries and the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Contract will include other libraries and public bodies who purchase books and ebooks which are listed at Appendix A of the Specification. The scope of the contract is in two Lots. Lot 1. General publications (publications generally available from a variety of publishers with a wide subject coverage) and Lot 2. E-books (general publications as in Lot 1 published in electronic format).

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## **Lot 1. General publications**

### **Description**

Lot 1 requires the Supplier to provide publications generally available from a variety of publishers with a wide subject coverage

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## **Lot 2. E-books**

### **Description**

Lot 2 requires the Supplier to provide a wide selection of published books in ebook format.

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## **Contract 2. ID 5943773 - DoF Procurement of monographs for NICS Libraries**

### **Lots**

Lot 1. General publications

Lot 2. E-books

### **Suppliers (2)**

- Browns Books
- EBSCO INTERNATIONAL INC.

### **Contract value**

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

31 July 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

31 July 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 12 August 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

13 August 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 August 2025 to 16 August 2028
- Possible extension to 16 August 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Following the initial contract period there is one option to extend for a further period of one year.

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot 1. General publications**

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
  - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Lot 2. E-books**

- 3 tenders received
  - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
  - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Suppliers**

### **Browns Books**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCTY-7866-DWMW

5 Redcliff Road, Melton,

East Yorkshire,

HU14 3RS

United Kingdom

Email: [contracts@brownsbfs.co.uk](mailto:contracts@brownsbfs.co.uk)

Region: UKE12 - East Riding of Yorkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **EBSCO INTERNATIONAL INC.**

- Companies House: FC016134
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHHL-9383-NLJL

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

London

EN1 3XA

United Kingdom

Email: [Mailuk@ebSCO.com](mailto:Mailuk@ebSCO.com)

Website: <http://www.ebsco.com>

Region: UKI54 - Enfield

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department of Finance**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVTI-7513-YWVJ

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### Department of Finance - CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery, Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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## Contact organisation



Contact Department of Finance - CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.