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Contract

## **Books, e-books and associated services**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

111357

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Books, e-books and associated services

Reference number

LIB4061 SU

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22113000 - Library books

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Framework agreement for the supply of books, e-books and associated resources and services. This tender is split into 9 Lots. Participating consortia cover universities and other Public Sector members including (but not limited to) schools, colleges, Multi-Academy Trusts, government departments and research institutes across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The named consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, Academic Libraries North, NEYAL, MUAL, and WHELFL.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £450,000,000

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Print publications: standard suppliers for library stock

Lot No

1

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Large-scale and library-focussed suppliers of printed publications and other hard copy materials including but not limited to maps, music scores, DVDs, CDs, Standing Orders and out-of-print materials. Suppliers will be capable of meeting operational requirements such as metadata provision, shelf-ready servicing, and interoperability with Library Management Systems. Suppliers may bid for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 but not both.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation &amp; Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

**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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 1 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Print publications: specialist suppliers for library stock

Lot No

2

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Specialist suppliers of printed publications and other hard copy materials such as maps, music scores, DVDs, CDs, Standing Orders. Suppliers will specialise according to factors such as language, region of publication, material type, subject, etc. Suppliers may bid for either Lot 1 or Lot 2 but not both.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

## **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 2 will be awarded to a maximum of 12 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Print publications: supply to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, academic departments (generally non-library)

Lot No

3

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22111000 - School books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22113000 - Library books
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Supply of printed publications and other hard copy materials, generally for non-library purposes of academic departments, schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, and other public sector organisations. Associated goods relating to reading provision may be supplied under this Lot where a dedicated framework is not required.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 3 will be awarded to a maximum of 8 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase

Lot No

4

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

- 22113000 - Library books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Title-by-title purchasing of e-books via an aggregator platform for delivery via the aggregator's own platform. Packages may be offered, as may DDA and EBA programmes. Suppliers will offer perpetual access licences but may also offer alternatives (eg. 365 day licences) where perpetual licensing is not available.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 4 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase for third-party platform

Lot No

5

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

- 22113000 - Library books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Title-by-title purchasing of e-books via an aggregator platform for delivery via a third party or publisher platform. Packages may be offered, as may DDA and EBA programmes. Suppliers will offer perpetual access licences but may also offer alternatives (eg. 365 day licences) where perpetual licensing is not available.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 5 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

E-book aggregator: subscription packages

Lot No

6

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

- 22113000 - Library books

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Subscription e-book packages via aggregator's own platform. Packages may include wider digital content in addition to e-books. Package content will be pre-defined in nature and not bespoke selections of titles.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 6 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

E-book aggregator: e-textbooks

Lot No

7

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

- 22113000 - Library books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

E-textbook access via an aggregator e-textbook platform. Title selections may be bespoke or pre-defined packages.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 7 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

E-books: specialist and innovative solutions

Lot No

8

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

- 22113000 - Library books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Specialised e-book solutions for delivery via Supplier's own platform. This Lot offers a route to market for solutions that do not fit the specification of other e-book Lots (Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7). Solutions might include those that are not specifically designed for the HE market, that deliver specialist content, or that offer alternative business models that don't fit in another Lot. Suppliers bidding for this Lot may not bid for any other e-book Lot (Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7).

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 8 will be awarded to a maximum of 12 suppliers.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sales to individual staff/students and bursary provision

Lot No

9

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 22114000 - Dictionaries, maps, music books and other books

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations around the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Where a member wishes to set up an approved supplier for individual staff or students to purchase hard copy or digital materials. Bursary provision may also be facilitated where operated on a credit basis and the supplier meets individual member requirements. In these cases, bursaries may include a wider scope of goods that support learning.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Framework Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Value For Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Technical Merit / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

There is potential for member framework spend to be financed by European Union funds. Therefore this opportunity will be advertised via both Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is intended that Lot 9 will be awarded to a maximum of 5 suppliers.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2025/S 000-000133](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Print publications: standard suppliers for library stock

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 July 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

5 Redcliff Road

Melton

HU14 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01607961

Internet address

[www.brownsbfs.co.uk](http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc.

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

FC 16134

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £70,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Print publications: specialist suppliers for library stock

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Amalivre

58 rue du Dessous-des-Berges

Paris

75013

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

323199190

Internet address

[www.amalivre.fr](http://www.amalivre.fr)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Casalini Libri SpA

Via Benedetto da Maiano 3

Fiesole

50014

Country

Italy

NUTS code

- IT - Italy

National registration number

309587

Internet address

[www.casalini.it](http://www.casalini.it)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Erasmus Antiquariaat en Boekhandel BV

Veemarkt 207

Amsterdam

1019CJ

Country

Netherlands

NUTS code

- NL - Netherlands

National registration number

33044879

Internet address

<https://www.erasmusbooks.nl/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd

Blk 231 Bain Street, 03-05 Bras Basah Complex

Singapore

180231

Country

Singapore

NUTS code

- SG - Singapore

National registration number

200722727R

Internet address

[www.marymartin.com](http://www.marymartin.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co. KG

Kreuzberger Ring 7c-d

Wiesbaden

65205

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

National registration number

HRA1056

Internet address

<https://www.harrassowitz.de>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Print publications: supply to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, academic departments (generally non-library)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Amalivre

58 rue du Dessous-des-Berges

Paris

75013

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

323199190

Internet address

[www.amalivre.fr](http://www.amalivre.fr)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

5 Redcliff Road

Melton

HU14 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01607961

Internet address

[www.brownsbfs.co.uk](http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc.

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

FC 16134

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Happier Every Chapter

1 Poyntz Gardens

Northampton

NN5 7RY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

12905585

Internet address

<https://www.happiereverychapter.com>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd

Blk 231, Bain Street 03-05, Bras Basah Complex

Singapore

180231

Country

Singapore

NUTS code

- SG - Singapore

National registration number

200722727R

Internet address

[www.marymartin.com](http://www.marymartin.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Waterstones Booksellers Limited

203-206 Piccadilly

London

W1J 9HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

00610095

Internet address

[www.blackwells.co.uk](http://www.blackwells.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £40,000,000

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Lot No**

4

**Title**

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BibliU Ltd

Ark Coworking, Carnegie Street

London

N1 9QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09334024

Internet address

<https://bibliu.com>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

5 Redcliff Road

Melton

HU14 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01607961

Internet address

[www.brownsbfs.co.uk](http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc.

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

FC 16134

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Kortext Ltd

Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road

Bournemouth

BH8 8EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08617088

Internet address

[www.kortext.com](http://www.kortext.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

VitalSource Technologies LLC

227 Fayetteville Street

Raleigh

NC 27601

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

86-4000320

Internet address

<https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £120,000,000

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Lot No**

5

## **Title**

E-book aggregator: title-by-title perpetual access purchase for third-party platform

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc.

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

FC 16134

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mallory International Limited

The Common, Exmouth Road

Aylesbeare

EX5 2DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02991148

Internet address

<https://www.malloryint.net/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £40,000,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

E-book aggregator: subscription packages

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BibliU Ltd

Ark Coworking, Carnegie Street

London

N1 9QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09334024

Internet address

<https://bibliu.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EBSCO International Inc.

6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street

Enfield

EN1 3XA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

FC 16134

Internet address

[www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Kortext Ltd

Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road

Bournemouth

BH8 8EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08617088

Internet address

[www.kortext.com](http://www.kortext.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

ProQuest LLC

789 East Eisenhower Parkway,

Ann Arbor

MI 48108

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

4264702

Internet address

<https://about.proquest.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

VitalSource Technologies LLC

227 Fayetteville Street

Raleigh

NC 27601

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

86-4000320

Internet address

<https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,000,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

7

#### **Title**

E-book aggregator: e-textbooks

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

##### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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London

N1 9QW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09334024

Internet address

<https://bibliu.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

5 Redcliff Road

Melton

HU14 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01607961

Internet address

[www.brownsbfs.co.uk](http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Kortext Ltd

Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road

Bournemouth

BH8 8EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08617088

Internet address

[www.kortext.com](http://www.kortext.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mallory International Limited

The Common, Exmouth Road

Aylesbeare

EX5 2DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02991148

Internet address

<https://www.malloryint.net/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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227 Fayetteville Street

Raleigh

NC 27601,

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

86-4000320

Internet address

<https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £120,000,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

8

#### **Title**

E-books: specialist and innovative solutions

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

##### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Amalivre

58 rue du Dessous-des-Berges

Paris

75013

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

323199190

Internet address

[www.amalivre.fr](http://www.amalivre.fr)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Cambridge University Press and Assessment

Shaftesbury Road

Cambridge

CB2 8EA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

823 84 7609

Internet address

[www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Casalini Libri SpA

Via Benedetto da Maiano 3

Fiesole

50014

Country

Italy

NUTS code

- IT - Italy

National registration number

IT03106600483

Internet address

[www.casalini.it](http://www.casalini.it)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Digital Content Associates Ltd

36 Coleshill Road

Teddington

TW11 0LJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07260949

Internet address

[www.digitalcontentassociates.com](http://www.digitalcontentassociates.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Erasmus Antiquariaat en Boekhandel BV

Veemarkt 207

Amsterdam

1019 CJ

Country

Netherlands

NUTS code

- NL - Netherlands

National registration number

33044879

Internet address

<https://www.erasmusbooks.nl/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Macmillan Learning

Hampshire International Business Park, Cromwell Place, Lime Tree Way

Basingstoke

RG24 8YJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

GB220903643

Internet address

[www.macmillanlearning.co.uk](http://www.macmillanlearning.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Perlego Limited

26 Hatton Garden

London

EC1N 8BR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

10155026

Internet address

[www.perlego.com](http://www.perlego.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,000,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

9

#### **Title**

Sales to individual staff/students and bursary provision

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 June 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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5 Redcliff Road

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HU14 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01607961

Internet address

[www.brownsbfs.co.uk](http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Happier Every Chapter

1 Poyntz Gardens

Northampton

NN5 7RY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

12905585

Internet address

<https://happiereverychapter.com>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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BH8 8EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08617088

Internet address

[www.kortext.com](http://www.kortext.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd

Blk 231, Bain Street 03-05, Bras Basah Complex

Singapore

180231

Country

Singapore

NUTS code

- SG - Singapore

National registration number

200722727R

Internet address

[www.marymartin.com](http://www.marymartin.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Country

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NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

86-4000320

Internet address

<https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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