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Contract

2425-32-DTS-RLD Online Reading Lists software (Talis Aspire)

Sheffield Hallam University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05845c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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City Campus

Sheffield

S11WB

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE32 - Sheffield

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10005790

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

2425-32-DTS-RLD Online Reading Lists software (Talis Aspire)

Reference number

2425-32-DTS-RLD

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Sheffield Halam University has purchased the online software, TALIS Aspire Unlimited. This was purchased under the APUC Framework Agreement ITS1062 AP - Library Management Systems and associated services, Lot 2.

Talis Aspire Unlimited includes the following:

Talis Aspire Reading Lists - A digital platform for managing and sharing academic reading lists.

Copyright Clearance - Integrated service to ensure compliance with copyright regulations.

Advanced MIS (Management Information System) - Enhanced reporting and analytics capabilities.

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: £203,185.45

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79995000 - Library management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE32 - Sheffield

Main site or place of performance

Sheffield

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This purchase will support academic staff and students by streamlining access to course materials, improving copyright compliance, and enhancing data-driven decision-making within library services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80%

Price - Weighting: 20%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is for 3 years with an option to extend the contract for a further 1 year

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

A compliant direct award was made after carrying out a desk top exercise under Lot 2 of the APUC Framework Agreement ITS1062 AP - Library Management Systems and Associated Services.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 July 2025

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

Talis Education Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

07196638

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £203,185.45

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheffield Hallam University

Sheffield

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United Kingdom