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Award

UKRI-5448 2025 SciVal and Scopus renewal UKRI/EPSRC/STFC

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is renewing its contract with Elsevier for the provision of SciVal, a bibliometric analytics platform that supports research evaluation, strategic analysis and statutory review activities across multiple UKRI councils. The direct award is being made under Section 41 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 to justify the use of direct award in special cases on the basis that there is an absence of competition for technical reasons and there are no reasonable alternatives to those services or substitute exists. Elsevier's SciVal platform provides unique topic-modelling capabilities and long-established datasets that are integral to ongoing evaluations, including Quinquennial Reviews and major investment assessments. Changing supplier would result in significant incompatibility with existing methodologies, loss of longitudinal comparability, and disproportionate operational and financial burdens. This notice is published to ensure transparency prior to award.

Contract 1. UKRI-5448 2025 SciVal and Scopus renewal UKRI/EPSRC/STFC

Supplier

• Elsevier B.V

Contract value

- £128,278.70 excluding VAT
- £153,934.44 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

24 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 4 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 December 2025

- 5 December 2025 to 30 November 2026
- Possible extension to 1 December 2026
- 11 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

Yearly extension if applicable

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

Contract locations

• UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

Elsevier B.V

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGHW-9864-HRDH

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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

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government